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Climbing to the pinnacle

EDMUND LEE

El Cerrito High School's Jovan Harris (center) and Andrew Gooden (right) proclaim their status to the Arco Arena crowd after defeating Acalanes High School of Lafayette 48-41 at Saturday's NorCal Division III title contest. The win moves the Gauchos to the CIF State Championships. See Sports on page B1 for the full story.

Albany moves to regulate landfill

By James Carter

ALBANY — A proposed ordinance that would effectively clear the landfill of people living there as early as June cleared its first hurdle as the City Council approved a heavily amended version of the original proposal Monday.

The original proposal, debated during the last council meeting, was entitled "An Ordinance ... to Provide Regulations for the use of City Parks, Open Space and Recreational Areas." At its March 2 meeting, the council sent the proposal to the Parks and Recreation Commission for discussion and input after members agreed it would affect all parks and open

space in Albany and might have undesired consequences.

Commissioners in turn suggested the ordinance should apply only to the waterfront and sent the council a version where references to parks and open space other than that on the waterfront were struck out. The site, slated to become part of the Eastshore State Park, is currently where a number of homeless people have an encampment.

The commission and city staff also suggested additional modifications to the proposal, including what City Attorney Robert Zweber referred to as amend-

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Residents address hillside lots in general plan session

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO—Nearly 50 residents attended a public "scoping" meeting last week on the environmental impact report for the city's new General Plan. Many were there to urge the city not to

develop what were described as slide-prone properties above Rogers Court and along Moeser Lane near Sea View Drive. City Planner Edward Phillips facilitated the meeting with the help of consultant Jeff Baird of Baird and Driskell Community Planning.

"The reason we're here tonight," Phillips said to open the meeting, is to focus on potential environmental consequences of changes that might be made in the city's General Plan." Phillips said that the purpose of the meeting was not to discuss the new General Plan directly, but to discuss "what environmental consequences or impacts may be of concern

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Redevelopment decision looms

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — There was impassioned rhetoric, heartfelt pleas, an alternate report and some consensus at Monday's City Council study session on redevelopment. The council and the public discussed a Committee of the Whole report that, among other things, recommends that the Redevelopment Agency "suspend activity" for up to four years while it repays its \$780,000 debt to the city. The committee report states the Redevelopment Agency "can no longer continue as it has" and that "extensive discussions" about the agency need to take place in the community. The meeting was

a public-study session and no council action was taken on the matter.

"Redevelopment has always kind of been the rat in the woodpile," that has hindered efforts to reach community consensus, Committee of the Whole Co-Chair Thom Stark told the council. He said the committee realized early on that they would eventually have to "tackle" this difficult issue and decided to address it first. A Financial Review Team subcommittee worked for months on the redevelopment question. Its report was refined and modified and eventually passed overwhelmingly by the general committee earlier this month.

The most controversial Committee of

the Whole recommendation is that the Redevelopment Agency "suspend activity no later than the end of the fiscal year 1998-99" until the debt to the city is repaid.

The report states repayment could take three to four years, but it could occur sooner. Agency bond and note debt and other activities required by state law would continue during this hiatus and the agency could be reactivated if an "extraordinary opportunity" arose. Other recommendations include that the agency "establish improved financial accounting" to track costs on a monthly and project basis and document staff time "to re-

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Financial practices written in stone?

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — The city will soon have a new and improved General Plan and now a citizen group is debating whether or not it should include a "financial management policies" section.

The Committee of the Whole, empowered by the City Council last April to look into Redevelopment Agency and city finances and infrastructure, discussed the issue earlier this month and will continue the debate this week. The impetus for including such a policy dates back to last July when Committee of the Whole and General Plan Process Team member

Kathleen Perka wrote a letter to committee co-chairs suggesting the addition.

At the March 3 Committee of the Whole meeting, Perka noted that other cities such as Pleasanton, Sunnyvale and Danville have some type of economic or fiscal element in their General Plans.

Alluding to past community efforts such as Project Listen and Neighbor to Neighbor, Perka said the Services for the 21st Century Committee of the Whole effort is "the third go-round" of citizens studying "the fiscal goings-on in the city."

She noted that the General Plan has to have seven elements concerning such things as transportation, housing and land

management, but nothing precludes El Cerrito from adding more sections if needed.

Perka told the committee this month that 98 California jurisdictions have "written economic development strategy along with fiscal management integrated with their General Plan." She said there are 15 jurisdictions that have "specific fiscal elements" included in their plans.

As of 1996, 187 jurisdictions also have staff who are "dedicated to economic development," Perka reported. She said El Cerrito should consider a similar policy

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All that adult jazz

Albany Adult School is forming a big band jazz group beginning Wed., March 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the AHS band room. Music will include work by Fats Waller, John Coltrane and Arturo Sandoval. Details: 559-6580.

Don't shoot yourself in the foot

Firearms historian and safety expert Roy Marcot will show his (unloaded) gun collection and tell how different weapons are used to make us more knowledgeable as writers and readers of mysteries at the Sunday, March 21 meeting of the Northern California Chapter of Sisters in Crime. The meeting will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Albany Public Library. Marcot, who has published a history of the Remington Arms company, will circulate some of his extensive firearms collection so audience members can get a feel for the differences between guns.

The public is welcome. Membership to Sisters in Crime is open to anyone who has an interest in the mystery genre. Details: contact chapter president, Lora Roberts via e-mail at myslora@hooked.net.

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invited.

KARW luncheon

Diane Longshore from state Sen. Richard Rainey's office will speak about the "money grab" and what the legislature is doing about re-instituting tax monies to the cities and counties at the Kensington Area Republican Women's Club monthly luncheon meeting at Mira Vista Country Club, 2900 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito on March 24. Lunch is served at 12:30 p.m. and social hour is at noon. For reservations call Betty Christopher, 237-4152, 2036 Tamalpais Rd., El Cerrito. Lunch is \$10 per person. The reservation deadline is March 20, but sometimes last minute calls may be taken on Monday before the event.

Fiddle camp

Does your child play violin? "fiddlekids" is a summer camp for children ages 7-13, a fun-filled day-camp devoted to traditional fiddle music. Children explore Appalachian and Irish fiddle styles through tunes, songs, dance and music crafts, with three extraordinary fiddle teachers. The final day of camp culminates with a performance extravaganza. fiddlekids will be held June 21-25, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Prospect Sierra School, Tapscott Campus, in El Cerrito. For a brochure or more information Details: Bobbi Shearn Nikles, 235-0370.

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Vandals with bricks wreak hav

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the morning of March 8 Albany officers, while on routine patrol, observed a green '86 Acura that had the rear hatch open. Upon investigation, they discovered that thieves had broken into the vehicle and stole items. They notified the owner of the car, gathered evidence and are investigating further.

■ On the afternoon of March 8 a resident on the 400 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that the previous evening thieves stole the rear license plate from her car parked in front of her residence.

■ On the morning of March 9 a teacher at Albany High School reported that thieves had stolen equipment from the weight room over the weekend. There were no witnesses. A couple days later officers received a call from a resident who had seen the missing weight equipment in the back of a car on the 600 block of Garfield Street. Upon investigation the officers spoke with the owner of the car who said that he had purchased the equipment from a private party. Police will continue the investigation.

■ On the afternoon of March 9 a resident on the 1000 block of Pomona Avenue reported that vandals had broken into her detached garage during the day and did a messy prowl. There appeared to be nothing taken.

■ On the morning of March 10 a volunteer at the Senior Center on the 800 block of Masonic Avenue reported that vandals had thrown a brick through a window of the center. The same morning an employee at the Community Center on the 1400 block of Marin Avenue (Masonic Avenue) reported that vandals had thrown a brick through a window of the building.

■ On the morning of March 10

Albany officers responded to the 1000 block of Key Route Boulevard on a report of an abandoned vehicle. A check found that the car had been reported as stolen from Berkeley. The owner of the car was notified and picked up the vehicle.

■ At about noon on March 10 officers responded to Garfield Street on reports of a strange man sleeping inside a white '89 Chevrolet truck belonging to a friend of the caller. Officers contacted the 33-year-old Albany man who was intoxicated. He was also found to have outstanding Albany warrants for domestic violence. He was arrested and transported to the Santa Rita jail.

■ At about 11:15 p.m. on March 10 an Oakland man reported that vandals had slashed all four tires of his blue and white '86 Ford pickup while it was parked on the 500 block of Cleveland Avenue.

■ On the morning of March 11 a resident on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue reported that during the night thieves broke into her red '95 Mitsubishi and stole her stereo.

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Clara police to pick up. ■ On the morning of March 12 a resident on the 1000 block of Pomona Avenue reported that thieves had stolen his gold '96 Toyota Corolla. Various items were taken.

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wearing a white cap cracked window of a home on the 1200 block of Madison Street and ran away, stealing \$6,200 worth of property. Apparently not satisfied, the same individual was followed by a neighbor later that same night who walked beside a home on the block of Lexington Avenue, tore off a screen from a window and broke into the house. He was interrupted by police as he ran for it, tossing aside a handbag he had made flight. Police caught the man and arrested him for driving under the influence.

■ On March 10, a 22-year-old man

Focus on Solano Copy Center

By Roxanne Wiley

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His right hand is his daughter, Anna Navarro, who has been working with her father for two years. Both of these nice people are a pleasure to be around and no job is too difficult or too small. Solano Copy Center is located at 1185 Solano Ave. and the telephone is 527-1111.

Albany mixer

On March 24, there will be another great mixer at Golden Gate Fields. Please do not miss this joint effort of Golden Gate Fields and the Albany Chamber to celebrate not only the opening of the 1999 spring season of thoroughbred racing but to also announce the new Citizen of the Year. This award is special in that it offers the community a way of honoring those special people whom unselfishly volunteer their time to benefit the organization closest to their heart.

The winning citizen will also be feted at the Albany Day at the Races on April 24, with a race named after her/him. So, members, be there for good food, drink, a great view and most of all, camaraderie.

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Brass Horse update

As I promised, here is a recap of the hottest doll news out of New York. Dolls held their February. Remember, I told you about the Jean doll being hailed as the next challenger to Barbie; apparently that is the case. Marie Gandy, doll judges extraordinaire, claims that Jean now has doll furniture: swan bed, director chairs to name a few with stunning new costumes. In addition, making her debut is, Tyler Wentworth, another hot item with a great story line. Marie is taking orders like mad so get yours in quickly.

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Secondly, Susanne Trowbridge,

who owns Interbridge Internet Services,

which is a Web site design and consulting firm. She created her first Web site in 1994. Since then, she has

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online activities have been chronicled in several major newspapers, as

well as Esquire magazine and Yahoo!

Internet Life. Her Web domain,

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JOANNA JHANOA

Students from Albany Middle School watched and learned about worm composting at the Oakland Zoo.

Local students learn upside of 'global worming' at Oakland Zoo

By Sean Yokomizo

Alakira Davis has a distinct opinion about worms. "I think they're disgusting," said the third-grader. Alakira's second- and third-grade classmates joined a host of children from different schools, including Alameda Middle School, for a "Celebration of Global Worming" last Friday, at the Oakland Zoo's new PeopleSoft for Science and Environmental Education. The wiggle-and-watch program is organized in conjunction with the county's effort to reduce waste in schools by encouraging the composting of cafeteria scraps for school gardens. The students are already familiar with the idea of "vermicomposting," using worms first hand provides a larger opportunity to learn about the animals. "We want them to learn about worms so they can get beyond the gross, sort of thing," said

Steve Wade, a second- and third-grade combination teacher.

Students from Castro Valley High School were on hand as helpers to guide the younger students through the observation of the crawling critters. Students tried to answer questions about how worms move and interact while observing captive crawlers in special containers with magnifying lids.

Students spent the day in the world of the worm, both observing and even touching their squirming subjects.

"I like to hold them in my hand when they wiggle," said Jeremy Harrison-Posey, a second-grader.

Erin Busal, a fellow second-grader, also enjoyed the hand-worming portion of the program.

"I think they tickle when you hold them," said Erin.

However, not all of the worms on hand would fit in hand. Wiggle E. Worm, the 6-foot tall, bright red "spokes-worm" for Alameda County, greeted students and offered a smile.

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Event bridges generations via poetry

By James Carter

ALBANY — Students from MacGregor High School shared remarkable works of art and heart-felt poetry with their peers and seniors March 11 at Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley.

A combined effort of MacGregor High School and the Albany Senior Center, the program's theme was "teenage memories." The event, sponsored by the Albany Education Foundation, featured poetry and art that ranged from sculpture and pictographs to paintings done in acrylic, water color and tempera. "Poetry boxes" were also displayed, an art form that Susan Charlip, a teacher at the high school, said were inspired by Latin American miniature nativity scenes made from cardboard matchboxes.

Emilia Storrs, 17, was enthusiastic about the turnout, calling it "a nice mix of young people and seniors." Storrs, one of many talented poets featured at the event, said she was surprised to hear some of the poems read by adults as they recalled days when they were young.

The program was the brainchild of City Councilman Allan Maris.

"There was a lot of good art and

poetry (at the show) that gave the community an opportunity to appreciate the creative abilities of young and old," said Maris, who is a math teacher at MacGregor as well as president of the Friends of Albany Seniors.

The councilman added how wonderful it was to see young people interacting with old, both realizing they have shared similar experiences in life.

Charlip's students contributed poetry and artwork to the show. Charlip, who teaches an interdisciplinary class at MacGregor and advanced placement English at Albany High, played a crucial role in making the event happen.

"My goal was to bring to two very disparate parts of the community together for an evening and give them a chance to see each other's work," she said. "Since MacGregor is an alternative school, a lot of kids there unfairly have a bad reputation in the community. A night like this allows people to see the real talent and ability of these students and serves to dispel the negative stereotype."

The young people from MacGregor were passionate and talented. But perhaps more striking was their

fierce honesty and the uncompromising integrity they demonstrated as both artists and individuals.

Brooke Turpin, 17, read passages from a poem she wrote just hours before the event:

"I am in love. Why is it hiding? What spawned that mysterious outburst from the bottom of my flat belly up through my stomach to the gooey contents of my throat scared black from dark smoke that is being welcomed inside through my own fears and weaknesses?"

Ivan Bartholomew shared a poem he wrote about his grandmother:

"Alone in the small empty home, Playin' solitary, taking whiskey shots straight to the dome."

A pathological cooking fiend is what she was
Telling us to talk proper
And never choose a girl by her beauty,

but by what love has to offer.
Manners which would make a princess jealous
and you know she had all the felas.

Specific speech with her tone just

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Albany starts planning July 4 blowout

By James Carter

ALBANY — Community volunteers are already making plans for this summer's 33rd annual Fourth of July celebration, an extravaganza they hope will be bigger and better than any in recent memory.

Led by Vice Mayor Jon Ely, more than a dozen members of the community are planning a traditional observance aimed at the whole family, one where a broad variety of entertainment will virtually surround Memorial Park.

At the March 3 meeting, volunteers — including merchants, representatives of the board of education, the Solano Avenue Association, PAL, and others — met for almost two hours making preliminary plans for the event. Organizers hope other groups, individuals and businesses will pitch in and help make this years event the best.

"We really want to bring back the Fourth of July and make it a community event in every sense of the

word," Ely said.

This year, following the traditional morning pancake breakfast at Memorial Park, at least one baseball game is scheduled. A car show will line the greenway of Key Route Boulevard with a dazzling display of classic automobiles. And kids can climb more than the monkey bars as plans call for a fire engine to be at the park all day.

There will also be live bands and dancing at the celebration, carnival booths and pony rides, a pet show and art exhibit, dunking booths and sack races, along with dozens of games and exhibitions.

In addition to providing a broad spectrum of entertainment, community service groups will have the opportunity to raise money by sponsoring booths or a special event at the gala celebration.

Organizers hope that young and old will experience the kind of revelry that harks back to the days when families and couples brought picnic lunches to the park, got reacquainted with their friends and

neighbors and observed the true spirit of the American revolution.

Food is always a big item on Independence Day, and this year, all the traditional fare will be there — everything from hamburgers and hot dogs, soft drinks and cotton candy, polish dogs and sandwiches, watermelons, cookies and cakes.

Business participation

Event organizers are encouraging businesses to contribute to the July 4 celebration by sponsoring an activity or a special event there. According to organizers, groups that do so will have their names displayed in advertisements for the celebration and on placards during the festivities.

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Brothers make a living off baseball fantasies

By Chris Treadway

ALBANY — While youth baseball leagues fight to retain space to play here, nearly 4,300 teams will soon begin playing baseball in an office building next to the Liquor Barn.

The office space is home to a business called Scoresheet Baseball, and the games are played within the friendly confines of a Macintosh computer.

The players are those overpaid major leaguers we know so well and the teams' owners are baseball fans from locations across the U.S.

This is one corner of the world of fantasy baseball, the offspring of Rotisserie Baseball, which team owners compile a team by drafting real major league players, then compile their statistics (points are assigned for hitting and pitching categories) and compare results.

It is an annual pastime that — along with driving many significant others crazy — has grown so much in the past 20 years that major players like the Sporting News and Baseball Weekly have moved in, offering major cash prizes for league champions.

Scoresheet, started by two Berkeley native brothers, has been around 13 years — a virtual pioneer in fantasy baseball — while other smaller companies have come and gone, unable to offer major prizes or keep enough clients to remain solvent.

In fact, the company's birth came as a result of the folding of one early statistics service.

"My brother (David) was signing up for a Rotisserie League 14 years ago and it folded in the first week of the season," said Jeff Barton.

"My brother figured if they can set up something like that, so can he. So he spent a year or so writing a program at nights while he worked other jobs," he said.

The program David Barton came up with had a twist that has been the Scoresheet's niche ever since, based on board games such as Strat-O-Matic and APBA that were popular with fanatics in the 1960s and '70s.

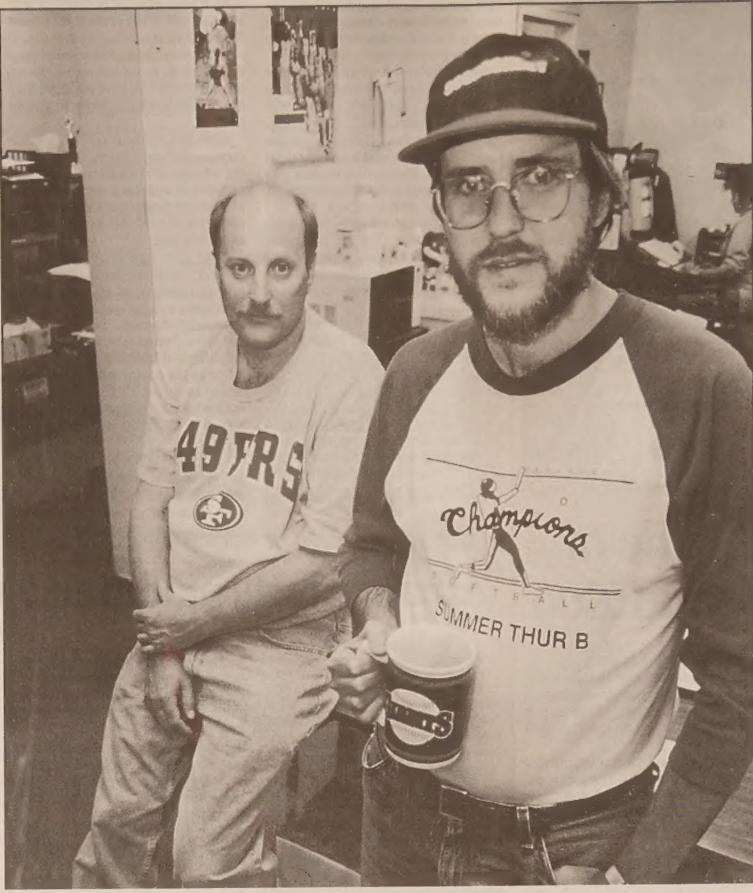
"You play week-to-week and head-to-head rather than just adding up points," Jeff Barton said.

The concept is more modern than the board games where dice decide outcomes.

In the cyber crazy '90s, the computer determines the outcomes. And where the board games were based on the previous season, Scoresheet's in and results are based on the week of real life play just completed.

"You play simulated games like you play Strat-O-Matic, but we have a computer do it based on what a batter or pitcher did that week."

If Kerry Wood strikes out 20 batters in a game that week, expect him to post a lot of K's in the computer version.



JOANNA JHANNA

Jeff and David Barton run a computer fantasy baseball service that has 4,300 customers across the U.S. as it enters its 13th year.

If Mark McGwire has an off week, don't expect him to park a few in the bleachers. But there are other elements.

The dice and the face-to-face competition of the board games are gone, but team owners/managers still set batting orders, preferences of pinch hitters, relievers and the like, all advantages fantasy and Rotisserie baseball can't offer.

One advantage is that a week's worth of games for a league can be played "in less than a minute" on the computer while a single contest on

a typical board game could take 20 to 45 minutes. And like the dice-driven games, "luck plays a similar kind of role," with the computer generating random numbers, Jeff Barton said.

The concept has obviously taken hold. After writing the program David Barton soon quit his day job and went fulltime in his new venture. Brother Jeff (both are UC Berkeley graduates) soon followed.

Including the Bartons, Scoresheet has five fulltime and one part-time employees.

A former customer has paid a franchise fee to offer the same service to about 500 fans in Canada.

Unlike the big time operations that put up major cash prizes, Scoresheet is a small time endeavor happy with its cubbyhole.

"I suppose if I had to do it again I might jump into the prize pool right when it started," Barton said. "We have the kind of niche for people want to play the game where they are managing the game. It's all for fun."

ON THE AVENUE

Avenue shops offer special gift certificates

By Lisa Bullwinkel
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Event input wanted

The Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival is slated for the last Saturday in May, the 29th. And this year Sept. 12 will be the 25th anniversary of the Stroll. Can you believe it? We could use some help in the ole' brainstorm department hyping up the Silver Stroll (Long John Silver as Grand Marshal with images of silver spilling out of a treasure chest - all the treasures of Solano!) and the Chalk Festival. So those of you with any sort of creative bent and a bit of time or energy to contribute to these fantastic events, please call us.

New parking meters for Berkeley

Under consideration are the European-style Reino meters for Solano Ave. These can be programmed to facilitate 2 to 10 parking spaces at one meter. The up side is that they take away a lot of street clutter (all of the extra meters) but the down side is that they may generate a lot of parking tickets for those who forget to walk a few spaces away to use them. We recently got a preview during our annual luncheon. They're quite snazzy!

New parking times for Albany?

The City has asked that we take an informal survey to find out if you all would like 1 hour or 1 1/2 hour free parking. The City is willing to make the necessary changes, but only if you want it. Call us with your vote.

Who's who

Solano Avenue is represented on

the Berkeley City Council by Woolley, 2180 Milvia St., 94703, ph 644-6234, fax 644-6234. Feel free to write or fax them any issues you may have. Also own SAA Board President Manus, now sits on the Albany Council. Contact him at 1309 Solano Ave., Albany 94706, ph 527-2586.

In the spotlight

Welcome to several new stores on Solano. Mid-Solano store which also sells fabrics opened in December by Ozaki and Yoko Baba. Casa Damasceno has taken over Dance Studio and opened Three Goddesses in the former Lovely clothes, jewelry and Shopkeeper Parvin has opened another business on Solano called 1894 Solano with boutiques and clothing. It's worth a touchy-feely shopping experience! If you go through to DC Epifani has opened wonderful antique store, Little Antiques at 2003 Hopkins.

You can get a hair cut on 2000 at 901 Santa Fe, live on New Year's resolution to get by purchasing herbs or get acupuncture treatment from Zeliner or Sabi Indersen. Ling Herbs, 826 San Pablo, really get into the spirit of getting your palm read by Lee at Albany's Deja Vu.

If you wish to eat white out on the street we Christopher Cheung has opened third neighborhood eatery on Solano called Christopher's of Solano. Quite the atmosphere complete with large flaming tainment in the kitchen. San Cabin at 945 San Pablo Avenue is open all day but I hear the sandwiches are killer! For lunch or dinner to Cafe Rajah for some Indian delights at 1158 Solano who recently opened by Dinesh Eicher-Raja and Mandi Rajah heart of their newly-remodeled Solano.

If you need bucks to the dine, Mechanics Bank is opening another branch on Solano or visit California Trust at 1451 Solano with the same fantastic services as before.

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When the Nazis decreed that Jewish children could no longer attend German schools, the Jewish community in Worms opened their school. They were a tight community. Miriam tells us, so they were sent upon each other, but lived a normal life as possible. The school had some sports facilities but did not participate in anything else of their school. "Everything else in that little area," and she adds, "all the young people grew up with the experience, having a great deal of inner strength and pride in Judaism."

She was in the 6th grade when along with all the other Jewish children, had to leave the regular school and started to attend the Jewish school. Her schooling there continued for about 3-1/2 years.

Worms, Miriam says, antisemitism was very strong, and the became very Nazi. It was after she left that her family informed them to give up their apartment. Instead, they had relatives in Heidelberg — a university city where they were taken down to a degree. relatives were emigrating to and their apartment became available, so the Sondheimer moved in, in the beginning of Her grandparents, whose home was completely destroyed, died in them.

On Oct. 22, 1940, the whole of Baden Tifalz was deported to French Pyrenees. The big shots area, wanting to "get in good Hitler" declared their area "Jew

at this time France had been divided and the southern part was occupied by the Vichy government. Arriving in the Pyrenees, they sat on railroad tracks for hours, with nothing seeming to know what to do then. They finally wound up in concentration camp named Gurs. It had been established for the Civil War soldier-refugees. were still there when they arrived. Miriam kept a diary from the time she was 12, including the details of the camp. (She is in the

OBITUARY

Printer Bob Thiele dies

Bob Thiele, who worked in the printing business for over 30 years, died March 1 at the age of 86.

Minnesota native, he lived in Washington for 40 years. He was an active member of UC-Berkeley Cal Club, Northbrae Community Church, Mensa, and a former member of Svea Glee Club, The Singing Society, Elks Club, and the Corks.

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Lamar A. Peterson

Army Pvt. Lamar A. Peterson, the son of Valerie L. Brown of Albany, has entered basic military training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the training his soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies, physical fitness, and first aid.

Liping Cai

Liping Cai of Albany was honored for earning a Master of Science degree at January ceremonies at the University of Delaware.

Daniel T. Tallerico

Army National Guard 2nd Lt. Daniel T. Tallerico, the son of Thoas and Yvonne Tallerico of El Cerrito, has graduated the armor officer basic course at Fort Knox, Ky.

The course covers branch training in armor for newly commissioned officers with special emphasis on the duties of tank and reconnaissance platoon leaders. Their training includes instruction in automotive principles and maintenance, communications, weapons, and tactics.

Tallerico is a 1992 graduate of Albany High School.

James N. Seiber

James N. Seiber is now director of the Western Regional Research Center at Albany, the U.S. Department

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In his new position, Seiber directs a staff of about 200 and manages an \$18 million annual budget. Studies at the Albany center include genetically improving crops like wheat and potatoes for better disease resistance; developing new food safety strategies to thwart E. coli and other food-borne pathogens; and finding new, profitable and environmentally friendly uses of plant products such as latex from a shrub center scientists have shown could be used for making hypoallergenic latex gloves or other products.

Other Albany studies explore ways to boost the nutritional value of foods, including a recent investigation that revealed how processing can improve wheat bran's potential to help prevent colon cancer.

Seiber, an authority on the movement of pesticides in soil, water, air, humans and wildlife, is a former director of the Center for Environmental Sciences and Engineering at the University of Nevada, Reno, and former Sierra Pacific Professor of environmental sciences there. Earlier, he was Associate Dean for Research in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of California, Davis, and also served as chair of the campus' Department of Environmental Toxicology. He has completed sabbatical and fellowship programs with the USDA Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and International Rice Research Institute, and has worked as a research chemist with Dow Chemical.

Seiber received a bachelor's degree from Bellarmine College, Louisville, Ky., in 1961; a master's degree from the University of Nevada, Reno, in 1963; and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis, in 1967.

She joined Doctors

Medical Center's J.C. Robinson MD Regional Cancer Center as Director of Radiation Oncology last July. Prior to that, Dr. Shank was

PEOPLE

greet from Arizona State University at Tempe in 1964; and a doctorate from Utah State University at Logan in 1966, all in chemistry. As the new director of the Albany center, he succeeds Antoinette A. Betschart, who is now area director for the Agricultural Research Service's Pacific West Area, encompassing eight western states.

Todd T. Shiba

Todd T. Shiba of El Cerrito was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Boston University.

Michael Schakow

Michael Schakow of Albany was named to the dean's list for the fall 1998 semester at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. Schakow, class of 2001, is the son of Peter and Charna Schakow. Dean's list honors are given to students who have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Dr. Brenda Shank

Berkeley resident Brenda Shank, M.D., Ph.D., was named Medical Director of the J.C. Robinson MD Regional Cancer Center at Doctors Medical Center in San Pablo, on Jan. 1. She joined Doctors

Medical Center's J.C. Robinson MD Regional Cancer Center as Director of Radiation Oncology last July. Prior to that, Dr. Shank was

chairman and professor of radiation oncology at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York.

Noted for her work in radiation oncology, Dr. Shank was awarded a listing in "318 Top Cancer Specialists For Women" as part of a survey of 280 department chairs and section chiefs in surgical, medical and radiation oncology throughout major medical centers the U.S. (Good Housekeeping, March '99). She was also one of the "Best Doctors in New York" in New York Magazine, June 8, 1998.

During her nine years at Mount Sinai Medical Center, Dr. Shank succeeded in starting a residency program in radiation oncology; renovating the department and increasing the staff fivefold to 50; adding services such as radiosurgery, total body irradiation for bone marrow transplants, and a full range of brachytherapy. She prepared patient education booklets to help patients better understand what to expect.

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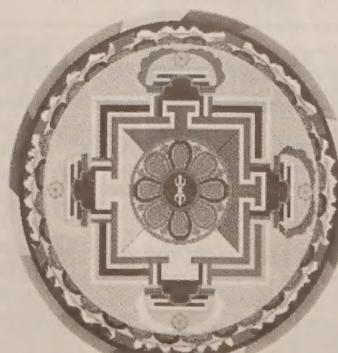
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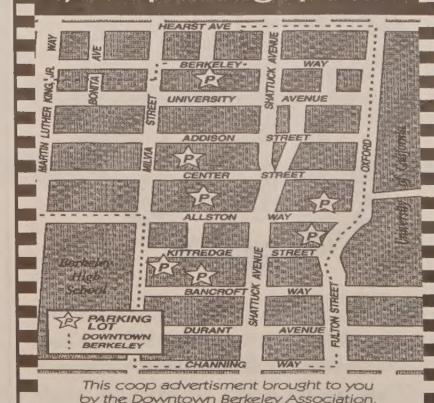
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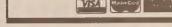
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Two town hall meetings with Superintendent Gloria Johnston

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The Community Advisory Committee for Special Education will be holding its "You Make A Difference" ceremony on Thursday, March 25 at 7 pm at Harding Elementary School Auditorium, 7230 10th Avenue, El Cerrito at 7 pm. All is invited to this event which individuals who have "made a difference" in the programs offered to our special education students. **AMS open house**

Learn-ASAP, an after-school academic program serving limited-English

proficient refugee and minority youth in West Contra Costa County, will host an open house on Thursday, March 25th from 4 to 7pm. All are invited to meet volunteers, staff and students, and to see the program in action. This is a great opportunity to see how the community is helping to improve the quality of education for students in our area. In addition, visitors will be treated to Laotian cuisine and a performance by a local Lao dance troupe. Learn-ASAP is located in Grace Lutheran Church at 24th and Barrett across from the Richmond Civic Center. For more information, please call 510/215-2728.

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ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein

My PTA Council

March 29, Regular Meeting, 7:30

AMS Library

High School

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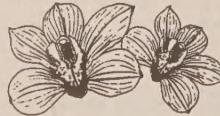
My Council News: Parent survey has been compiled into a report which will be presented at May meeting. Copies of the survey are available now in AHS office library. Applications now available.

Golden Gate Cymbidium Society

blooming Orchid Sale and Show

March 27 & 28 • Saturday & Sunday 9am - 5pm
Lakeside Garden Center (by Lake Merritt)
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

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tonight through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 21 at 3:00 p.m. in Zellerbach Hall. The dancers will be accompanied by musicians from Berkeley Symphony Orchestra. Dixit Dominus will not be seen anywhere else this season.

Tickets: \$20, \$35 and \$45, available through the Cal Performances Ticket

Office at Zellerbach Hall and at 642-9988 to charge by phone; all BASS outlets, BASS Charge-by-Phone at (510) 762-BASS; and at the door.

Shotgun opens season

The Shotgun Players open their eighth season with the first play by one of America's emerging new playwrights. "The Possum Play" is about Sally, a middle-aged housewife, who begins a pilgrimage into the chaos that exists beneath the world where "busy lives are considered complete

and where things unspoken don't exist." The play is set in Southern Florida, where the wild untamed world of the mangroves do battle with the strip malls and freeways. This play is for mature audiences.

The Possum Play previews today at the South Berkeley Congregational Church on Fairview and Ellis (just two blocks north from the Adeline Street Theatre under renovation.)

The play will premiere on Friday, March 19 and run Thursdays through Sundays through Sunday April 19.

All performances are at 8 p.m. except Sundays, which will be at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 general and \$10 for students and seniors (\$8 previews/\$20 Premiere). Reservations or directions: 655-0813.

Master magician in Albany

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U.S. premiere of British comedy

The Speakeasy, a Berkeley theater collective devoted to producing new plays and local premieres, will present the U.S. premiere of "The Knocky," the hit British comedy/drama about the struggles and triumphs of life on a Birkenhead housing estate that runs five weeks, March 26 - May 2, at the Speakeasy Theatre in Berkeley.

The Speakeasy Theatre is at 2016 Seventh St. in Berkeley. Performances are March 26 to May 2, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$12; \$10 seniors, students, TBA members. Reservations: (925) 798-1300.

Event honors Dr. Seuss

The Northern California Children's Booksellers Association will honor legendary children's author and illustrator Dr. Seuss at its 12th annual Otter Dinner, Saturday, March 20, at His Lordship's Restaurant, on the Berkeley Marina.

On hand to accept the posthumous award will be renowned children's ed-

itor Janet Schulman, Dr. Seuss's editor at Random House from 1978 to his death, in 1991.

The Otter Dinner (as in "kids otter read") is an annual occasion for the Bay Area children's book community to celebrate its innovative and diverse output.

The event includes presentation of literacy grants to seven winners whose proposals for promoting children's literacy were selected from more than 100 applicants.

The grants provide a \$500 credit at an NCCBA member bookstore. Several of the 1999 winners will attend the dinner to accept their awards.

Tickets are \$45 for the Otter Dinner, which begins with a 6:30 p.m. no-host reception and includes a "goodie

bag" of books and posters, available at all NCCBA member stores. Details: (415) 283-8000.

Documentary screening

"The Farm: Angola U.S.A." is a compelling documentary that follows a year in the lives of six inmates at Angola State Penitentiary, which will be screened. March 28 at the Contra Costa Civic Theater, 1000 Pomona Ave. in El Cerrito.

The film was winner of a Sundance Grand Jury Prize nominated for an Academy Award Best Feature Documentary.

Screening will be followed by a discussion. Suggested donation: \$10 to cover costs, no one left away. Details: 524-6654.

Jazz

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getting accreditation.

Muscarella herself spends 12 hours a day at the jazz school, and often eight to 10 hours on weekends.

A top-notch keyboard instructor, Muscarella directed the UC Jazz Ensemble for five years. Her experience as an administrator combined with her background as a teacher and performer have provided the key signature needed for the music to continue to flow.

It's contagious

"I think that jazz is just so conta-

gious," Muscarella said. "There's just something about the swing feel that is so exciting and very earthy. Jazz is unique because its very nature includes improvisation and spontaneous composition. It's just such a joy for me to have the school — it's a dream come true, really. The staff goes way beyond the call of duty, and the students ... well, they inspire me. They are the reason I opened the school in the first place.

The Spring Quarter at the Berkeley Jazz School begins April 5. Students of all ages are welcome. For more information about the classes and performances call 845-5373.

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L.A. Bashing — Our New State Sport?

Multimedia Notes

By Bill Mann

Like, You Know" that spoofs the "mellow" L.A. "lifestyle." It's centered around, natch, a New Yorker, a L.A.-phobe who heads to La-La Land to author a book bashing El Lay (q.v., Woody Allen in "Annie Hall"). The sitcom's a bit gib, but I enjoyed it. It's relentlessly shallow like "Seinfeld," but hey, so is L.A. There are some funny, vintage L.A. moments, as when a televised live police chase causes that freeway-obsessed city to grind to a halt as the natives gather to stare at their TV's.

One of the cast lives off a pay-per-view scam in L.A. he calls "pay-per-Jew" that allows people to celebrate the High Holidays in the comfort of their own homes. Actress Jennifer Grey ("Flashdance") proudly shows off — and admits to — her new nose-job. And there are "Seinfeld"-like pointless discussions like "Which would YOU rather be — Normandy Beach or the corner of Normandy and Florence during the Rodney King riots?" As for the pay-per-view scam, wasn't L.A. the first place to have drive-through viewings in funeral homes? (Seriously). Johnny Carson once joked (at least I THINK

he was joking) that L.A. also had coin-op mortuaries.

"It's Like, You Know," does a pretty good job of hanging a "Vacancy" sign on L.A. It doesn't so much bash the place as take a bemused view of its vacuousness. And it will fill the "Seinfeld" gap for some viewers.

But could a similar show be done that lampoons the politically correct Bay Area, even one written by Northern Californians? I'm not so sure, since so many here take themselves too seriously. That's certainly not the case in L.A. — which is both its blessing and its curse.

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: Short items from a short attention span: If you've wondered why Leslie Griffith is soloing this week and why Dennis Richmond was looking pained on KTVU's 10:00 news last week, it's because Richmond has a ruptured disc. Richmond has been in "horrible pain" from a sciatic nerve problem and his left leg has been "useless," says a Channel 2 source. The newsman was in an Oakland hospital's outpatient clinic earlier this week, seeking relief...Speaking of Oakland's KTVU, I did a Celeb Waiters luncheon last Friday in Marin with Richmond's colleague, "Morn-

ings on 2" host Ross McGowan. The genial newscaster was as excited as a kid on Christmas day — he'd just "rescued" a part-Lab puppy at the Oakland SPCA, and it was out in McGowan's car with Ross's other dog, whom he wisely brought along "to see if they get along." They did, and despite his fund-raising duties, McGowan was constantly going out to his car to check on his new pet. (Note: it wasn't a hot day). His former "People Are Talking" colleague and KGO Radio fitness gal Joanie Greggains was delighted when Ross took her out and showed her his new canine companion...Speaking of the SPCA, one red-faced KCBS Radio anchor quickly corrected himself when he announced, "It's Spray Week at the SPCA. Er, make that Spay Week." If you have a male cat, you'll know why that's not funny (right, Marty Snapp)?...No, it is NOT your imagination — there are a ton of reruns on TV right now. These started the day after ratings sweeps ended. The reason? Networks used to order 39 episodes of series. Now, to save money, they order only 22 — and more than half of those air first during the four sweeps months. And NBC, ABC et al wonder why their ratings are dropping...Anyone else humming along to the snappy state

songs of Utah and North Dakota after hearing them on those saturation GTE Cellular "United State of America" radio ads? It's NOT true, by the way, that our own state song is Randy Newman's "I Love L.A." (q.v., first item)...A Kensington reader emails that "ABC-7's" ("oldtimers" remember it as "KGO") pricey new weatherman, Spencer Christian, "is being underused." I agree. For years on ABC's "Good Morning, America," the pleasant Christian would often trade badinage with his co-anchors. But at the newly branded "ABC-7," there's little of that. It's get on, do the forecast, and get off. This week's recommended movie selection: "The General," director Martin Boorman's look at Martin Cahill, Ireland's most notorious criminal in recent years (he was never convicted of anything, however). Brendan Gleeson deserves an Oscar nomination next year for his strong performance as the roguish cop-baiter...Speaking of which, it's an unusually fine crop of nominees this year, and here are our annual Oscar Predictions. This year's Oscar theme: Queen Elizabeth Takes on World War II. Worst host in recent years: Whoopi Goldberg. Have you ever TRIED watching this annoying, coarse person trying to be clever on "Hollywood Squares"?

Best Picture: Who Should Win — "Life Is Beautiful." Who WILL win the same. The also-upbeat "Shakespeare in Love" might sneak in, however.

Best Actor: Who Should Win — Ian McKellen, for his powerful performance in "Gods and Monsters." Who Will Win — the delightful Roberto Benigni, "L.I.B."

Best Actress: Who Should Win: Fernanda Montenegro, "Central Station." Who Will Win — Gwyneth Paltrow, who was also superb, in "Shakespeare in Love."

Best Supporting Actor: Who Should Win: Robert Duvall, "A Civil Action." Who Will Win: Duvall.

Finally, almost always the toughest category of all, Best Supporting Actress: Kathy Bates deserves to win for "Primary Colors," and Judi Dench probably will win for "Shakespeare in Love," although she was only on screen for eight minutes as Queen Elizabeth. But it was, you should pardon the expression, a COMMANDING eight minutes, and it wouldn't bother me if Dench won. After all, "Mrs. Brown," in which Dame Judi starred as Queen Victoria, and not "Titanic," should have won Best Picture last year.

(Questions? comments? E-mail Bill Mann at Newsmann@aol.com)

OBITUARIES

Obituary

Steve Libby, a California native, died at home in Visalia, at age 78. The 1941 UC Berkeley graduate was employed in various government agencies and real estate until 1955.

He returned to UC Berkeley for graduate study in city planning. In 1955 he was co-founder and executive of the family enterprise, Libby Inc. in Berkeley. Steve Libby was politically active and contributed meaningfully in community affairs.

As a bridge player, she was a Kensington resident since

1955. Steve Libby was the wife of Libby, and mother of four children, Karen, Susan and Peter. Her four grandchildren are and Brigitte Libby, Laura Van and Damon Guthrie. Her two grandsons are Nicholas and Peter Van Hoff. A celebration of life is planned in April. Donations can be addressed to the American Heart Association.

Clifford

Clifford, owner of Americanware, a leading national replacement service, died in Berkeley, March 1, of a heart attack.

From 1986 to 1997 he also co-produced the Berkeley-Oakland Book and Paper Collectors Fair, the biggest and oldest biannual book show in the East Bay.

Clifford is survived by his former wife, Roberta Clifford of San Francisco and by the Hurley family of Berkeley with whom he made his home for the last 21 years. The Hurley family plans to continue American Dinnerware in Clifford's absence.

A memorial service with string quartet led by James Hurley will be held at St. John's Center, 2727 College Ave. at Garber Street at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 11.

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Classes

The City of El Cerrito is continuing its lap and water aerobics swim schedule through April 30. Call 215-4376 for schedule, prices and additional information.

Portraits and Places, watercolors by Susan Cornelius exhibit will continue through May 17 at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Details: 524-9283.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug; 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate;

four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

Vista College, Through May 24; "American Fiction: 1945 to the Present" with Dr. Yehudit Goldfarb; \$38 All classes located on the UC-Berkeley campus; 841-8860.

Health

Ongoing

YWCA Health and Community Education; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Community

The City of El Cerrito is accepting job applications for 1999 Summer Employment, day camp and pool staff positions. Ages 15 plus (must have job permit if under 18) Ages 12 + for volunteers. Applications may be picked up at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moess Lane, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information call 215-4370.

The Kensington 55+ Activity Center presents The Art of Maak making on March 18 on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Kensington. Kensington Senior Center is sponsored by West Contra Costa Adult School and

Arlington Community Church. For additional information call 526-9146 or Virginia Walker, 547-1969.

The Alameda County Community Food Bank

10901 Russet St., sponsors Hunger Awareness Month Community Convention on Tuesday, March 30. Showcase of volunteer and daily operations will take place from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and a Public Policy/Hunger panel discussion and a social potluck from 5 to 7 p.m. RSVP by calling 568-3663.

"**Work Buddies**": volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nanette Lipton, 644-8292.

Psychic Healing clinic; 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Monday; free clinic at the Academy for Psychiatric Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-842-9355.

SMART project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

Stroke Support Group for Stroke survivors, their families and friends. No advance reservations required. Meets the first Tuesday of each month, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way.

The Women's Cancer Resource Center Friends and Family Support Group for women with cancer and friends of women with cancer; 255-0891 before your first meeting. Grief Group meets Tuesdays 7 p.m. or 649-9818. Stress Reducer Support Group meets on the 1st and 3rd evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. groups meet at 3028 Shattuck.

New Beginnings - a chemical dependency treatment program at the Medical Center in Prince. Offers information, support group information, free pamphlets.

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Senior Living

Advertising Feature

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St. Paul's Towers residents enjoy the many benefits of full Life Care retirement living on scenic Lake Merritt, including the peace of mind that comes from the assurance of comprehensive lifetime medical care.

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Exhibits

Photographs and prints by Ricardo Gil, Seiko Tachibana, and David Wolf will be on exhibit through March 28 at the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 12 - 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Addison Street Windows, 2018 Addison St., continues its exhibit "Of These No Elegy" through April 2. Artists talk are Tuesday March 23, 7 p.m. at 495 Embarcadero West and Washington.

New Pieces Gallery presents a list of artists for the year 1999. Located on Solano Avenue, New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

The Albany Arts Committee presents "Portraits and Places," watercolors by Susan Comella, on exhibit through May 17, at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave. Details: call 524-9283.

"Art-On-Site" Wednesdays 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. through March 24; eight-week slide-lecture and field trip series; Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St.; 525-2464.

East Bay Women Artists present an exhibit "The Creative Edge" through April 25 at the Royal Ground Gallery, 2058 Mountain Blvd. Gallery hours are Monday through Sunday 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Literary Events

Ongoing

"Strong Women: Writers and Heroes of American Literature"; 1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. every Thursday; free course in the Berkeley Adult School Older Adults Program; Helen Rippler Wheeler, Instructor, North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst, corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Way; 548-2870 after 8 a.m.

Meetings

National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1228 meets Tuesday, March 23 at 1 p.m. at Albany United Methodist Church, 880 Stanage Ave., Albany. Dr. Gloria Hing speaks on "Quality Eye Care for Seniors."

Kathy Buell, production coordinator in the San Francisco office for The New Hours with Jim Lehrer TV program will be the speaker of the next meeting of the Richmond-El Cerrito branch of the American Association of University women. The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 20 at the El Cerrito Masonic Center, 6922 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. The meeting is open to all interested people. Further information call 526-8941.

Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

Spirituality and Healing. Voices of Healing Story Circles. Spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illness. Meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information. **Toastmasters** meet every Tuesday,

noon to 1 p.m., 700 Heinz Avenue. Call 526-4770.

The Berkeley Gray Panther's Education Committee meets on Monday March 15 at 2:30 p.m. at 1403 Addison St. Call 528-9696.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 548-7750.

Higher Alignment; 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; (415) 461-5337; \$20. **Alta Bates Support Group** - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overeaters Anonymous a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.)

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We're aware that some people have always enjoyed their privacy. There are many attractive areas both inside or outside our building and we are hopeful that they will choose one or two activities from their monthly calendar.

If you remember, last year we were in the middle of refurbishing this lovely building, bringing it back to its former European ambiance. Most of the work is finished and hopefully, by the end of 1999 all our projects will be completed.

If you are exploring for now or thinking about the future, please call Penny Graff at The Altenheim (510) 530-4013 for a tour or a brochure.

St. Paul's Towers

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dining room overlooking the lake. There is always a selec-

tion of entrees, including low sodium and low-fat items, and special dietary needs can be accommodated when requested.

This vital community's busy social scene includes a full calendar of art, fitness and recreation classes, as well as a variety of social and cultural events. Residents can relax in their own comfortable apartment, or join friends in St. Paul's Towers' gracious lounge, solarium, library, or art and music rooms.

Cultural venues such as the historic Paramount Theatre and the Oakland Museum are just minutes away, and the fine restaurants, shops and service establishments of Jack London Square, Piedmont Avenue, Grand Avenue and Lakeshore are also nearby. Picturesque Lake Merritt, located just across the street from St. Paul's Towers, is an ideal backdrop for invigorating walks, bird-watching, and lawn bowling with friends.

At St. Paul's Towers, weekly housekeeping and linen services are provided, and all utilities and local phone service are also included in the monthly fee.

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Regulate

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ments that would "decriminalize" first-time violations of the code by citizens or residents.

Under the original proposal, if an individual consumed alcoholic beverages, tied ropes between bushes, shrubs or trees, set up tents, sleeping bags or other shelters for the purpose of overnight camping, built unauthorized fires, or remained in a park between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., they could be charged with a misdemeanor.

New language proposed reduced penalties for first time violators.

Both the Park and Recreation Commission and the council agreed the real intent of the ordinance was to evict residents of the landfill known as the bulb, land slated to become part of a state park. As a consequence, mention of city parks and open space was eliminated from the proposal.

Members of the commission recommended that policies governing other park and open space be de-

veloped after a more thorough study by the commission and council. However, Zweben and Assistant City Administrator Ann Ritzma retained language that included "public property areas abutting and contiguous to" Condonies and Cerrito Creek in the ordinance.

Councilman Ed McManus raised the specter of bulb residents relocating to Albany Hill, or possibly even Memorial Park. He said people are already camping out on the hill and that by not including Albany Hill in the ordinance, more might move there.

Councilman Robert Good knitted his brows and suggested it was not wise to make the ordinance encompass all park problems that might arise, saying there is "plenty of time" to define other potential problems in the future.

But McManus refused to budge and suggested the city might be put in a pickle if it does not include Albany Hill and Creekside Park in the proposal.

Other council members questioned precisely what areas would be specifically included in "public property areas abutting and contiguous to" the creeks. Zweben said

such areas would be largely defined by "signage" much like restricted parking areas are identified.

Eventually a motion passed that amended the proposed ordinance to include Creekside Park and Albany Hill. The council then voted unanimously in favor of the "first reading" of the ordinance, meaning the proposal passed the first hurdle in a process that may result in the ordinance going into effect as soon as June.

Animals and e-mail

City Administrator Daren Fields urged the council to adopt new policies regarding animals in the workplace and electronic mail.

Declaring that he was "tired of paying out claims to people who bring an inappropriate pet to work," Fields pushed for a policy that would ban any animals from "any site of activity in which the City has a representative present, including, but not limited to, any City building, facility, park or play area."

Though Fields said he "felt bad" making the proposal, he said "animals in the workplace provide conflict."

Rabbits, hamsters, goldfish and any "animals which are kept in a cage or enclosed environment" would be exempted from the prohibition if a "department head" requested their presence for one-time educational purposes. Seeing-eye

dogs would also be allowed at city sites.

McManus said the rules might be too restrictive, explaining there are "seeing dogs in training" that haven't yet achieved official status that would be unfairly restricted by the ban. He also mentioned goats as another creature effectively used from time to time for educational purposes that would be banned by the proposal.

The same resolution addressed email and other forms of electronic communication at city hall. A 2-1/2-page document entitled "electronic media policy" reserved the right for the city to "enter, search, monitor, copy and/or retrieve computer files, voicemail, email, internet or any type of electronic file of any employee or elected official without notice..." The policy suggested the city needed such access in order to investigate theft, disclosure of confidential business or proprietary information, or personal use of such systems "unrelated to city business."

Citing the transmission or downloading of sexually explicit images or messages as one example of activity prohibited by the city, Fields said such a policy is imperative.

Councilman Jon Ely said electronic media is sometimes used to pass along ethnic slurs or offensive cartoons, pointing to faxed images as one area of such abuse.

The animal and electronic mail policies were wrapped in the same

blanket and voted on as one resolution. All members voted to approve the measure, except McManus, who objected to details of the animal ordinance.

Other council news

Prior to the regularly scheduled session of the council, members met for a San Pablo Avenue economic development work session.

Fields presented a number of projects and proposals regarding the future of what is Route 123 in the state highway system. He asked the council for guidance regarding work being done with the University of California at Albany Village, specifically efforts to create commercial development along San Pablo Avenue.

Fields also discussed efforts to complete a "Streetcars Master Plan" for the busy thoroughfare.

After presenting a slide show of different business locations on San Pablo, Fields suggested there was a "lot of potential" for economic development along the highway, projects that could enhance both the

general appearance of the city and possibly produce more for the city. He suggested an approach would probably develop "mixed usage" along San Pablo.

Fields said it would be better to study whether a red-light plan might stimulate economic development along San Pablo, though he did not suggest a project be undertaken.

Ely suggested there are many opportunities to develop San Pablo corridor as the East Shore Project, a new development area he referred to as a "braintrust." Ely said it would investigate the possibility of development on the avenue if the city is careful and avoids some of the mistakes neighboring communities made.

The council authorized

grants and other funding for investigations and studies of the development of San Pablo

Worms

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it also re-enforced the lessons he and his fellow students learned in the classroom.

"I think it's a good idea because it teaches us about the environment

and recycling," Daniel said.

Just about everyone came out a winner from the program. The students learned through enjoyable activities, the worms got lunch, and the county reduced waste. "It's all about recycling and reducing waste at the source," said Taureau.

Vermicomposting can make it a worm-eat-waste world out there.

Event

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right.

But it was dark and gloomy, then she went to the light.

Principal Bill McPhee, who shared poems he wrote years before, was moved by the readings. "I think this is another way for our staff and kids to in a sense bond, because we're doing a cultural kind of event in connection with seniors and staff and kids," he said. "It's another opportunity for different community groups to get together. Of course, from an educational point of view it's important that we recognize the good things these kids do."

McPhee credited Charlip's

"unique ability to bring out the talents of these kids" for the event success. He said several of the poems were so good that people offered to buy them. "Our goal is to take some of these kids' artwork and put it in a gallery on consignment," MacGregor's principal said. "That's another way they can see the connection between school and the world of work."

Yet there are also lessons adults can learn from many of the students at MacGregor. They have a view of the world quite different than many residents in Albany, one as sharp as a dagger and as gentle as the rain.

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Opinion

Around Town

By Chris Treadway

Closely guarded secrets

HELP US OUT: Apparently parents dine out with kids for recommendations last year. And if you're not a closely guarded secret at the high school's enrollment, she said. That explanation may be hard for AHS students and parents to understand given the crowded conditions at the high school, but large scale plans are not always easily changed. This column is scheduled to meet with Skinner today to tour the middle school construction and discuss the issues. More will follow here.

A SIMPLE QUESTION: get a simple answer: Two installments in this column speculated about Al-Cerrito High School and why work hasn't started yet. The land where the building was torn down "looks like an abandoned gas station," we also wrote about talk among parents wondering why the school doesn't consider moving kids into the temporary portables into the middle school building when completed, leaving the current middle schoolers at their present site until a new high school is built.

Marsha Skinner brought a call last week from Boardmember Marsha Skinner who offered some answers along the wish that we had consulted her first before going public with our questions.

The lack of movement on school construction. The problem is that the state is providing the funds for the project. "We need to be out for bid by now on the agenda for an obscure agency for May," Skinner says. "A situation we expected." According to an update issued to the Board of Education on Jan. 12 by Superintendent John C. Johnson, "The passage of Proposition A (state school construction) has resulted in some changes to the plans for the new main and gymnasium and modernization projects. Plans have been submitted to the Department of the Architect and the Office of Public Construction."

The district had to have its application for the State Allocation Board, Skinner said, "had some potholes" that has slowed the process. "Until they tell us, we're not to bid," she said.

Skinner's March 9 update announced that "all project plans (for the school) will be approved by the State Allocation Board in the first week of April, in time for the State Allocation Board's agenda on May 26." Meanwhile, the gas station community might not have been that far from the demolition of the main building. Skinner said that the site has a third ground fuel tank. "We knew at least one of them," left the early heating system, Skinner said. But three tanks means additional cleanup. "We've been taking contaminated soil," Skinner said, according to a Feb. 9 update. Removal was completed and tons brought in to fill trenches as the soil was compacted on top. "The idea of an interim shift school students to the new school, (That isn't going to happen," Skinner said. Plans are too far along for moving elementary students to the present middle school, which will be converted to an ele-

mentary facility. And at a capacity of 750 students, the new middle school is not large enough to handle the high school's enrollment, she said.

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MEANWHILE: El Cerrito has proceeded with its reaction to Albany's new middle school, turning Behrens Street into a cul-de-sac at the Albany border where the street turns into Spokane Avenue. Spokane Avenue runs alongside Cougar Field and the middle school property.

The street conversion which took place with little fanfare, happened March 1, deprives motorists of a shortcut between the two cities, but it has to be a relief to the Behrens neighborhood, which otherwise stood to see a lot more vehicle traffic.

AROUND TOWN: What else was gleaned from the reports to the AUSD board: The new elementary school taking over the present middle school space will be called Ocean View ... Over in the West Contra Costa Unified School District, meanwhile, parents and students saw two new notices posted: One outlining the penalties for creating a disruption, the other stating the requirement that visitors must check in at the school office. Both were posted after last week's stabbing of a 4th grade teacher in Richmond by a parent ... The Plaza co-owners (don't call them "partners," they insist) made a presentation two weeks ago today to CCISCO, the group that took up the mantle of advocating efforts for a department store in town.

The presentation, to no one's surprise, included no mention of a department store, and we've heard that what it did entail, primarily plans for the north half of the property, received a less-than-enthusiastic response. Considering the lack of a department store, that's again no surprise, but it's also no reason the proposal shouldn't advance to the next regulatory step. Not present at the session: Councilman Larry Damon, the elected official most outspoken in favor of a department store. Damon said he skipped the meeting because he wants to make the statement that the council/redevelopment agency has backed out of participation in Plaza planning other than the required approval process ... While it doesn't look like it's ready from the outside, the former Idaho Motel on San Pablo Avenue in EC is set to open next month under the wing of Rubicon Programs for homeless who are HIV-positive or have mental illness ... The Richmond police and Citizens Against Homicide unveiled a billboard last month at the corner of 23rd and Cutting Boulevard in Richmond that offers a \$30,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the murderer of Karla Zimmerman, who was killed at 11:06 p.m. on April 22, 1997 while her car was stopped at a traffic light at Marina Bay Parkway and 23rd Street. Anyone with information can call the Richmond police at 620-6658 or Citizens Against Homicide at (415) 455-5944.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Audible traffic signals welcome

Kudos to the city of El Cerrito for its commitment to install audible traffic signal equipment for four busy intersections along San Pablo Avenue ("Audible crossing signals coming to El Cerrito"). Slowly but surely people with visual impairments are being able to access the same information as their fully-sighted counterparts, i.e., when it is (at least relatively) safe to cross a street. It will be a great day when all intersections controlled by lights have audible signals.

I found this article particularly interesting (maybe even Machiavellian) since it was juxtaposed with a cartoon on the editorial page. A man on a busy corner is saying to an elderly lady: "I've figured it out. Ever since they increased maximum traffic flow on San Pablo, we have exactly 4.9 seconds to cross safely... Better get ready..." As an Orientation and Mobility Specialist who teaches safe travel techniques to students with visual impairments in the West Contra Costa County Unified School District, I trust that when pedestrian signals are activated on San Pablo Avenue, pedestrians will have longer than 4.9 seconds to cross that busy, five-lane street.

Jean Olmstead
Albany

P.S. In The Journal's information box is a statement that e-mail is preferred to faxes or snail mail. I readily admit that I have troubles with visual sorting, and I looked carefully through 2 issues of The Journal, never once finding the appropriate information. How about including it???

Editor's Note: We like to keep our readers happy, so consider it done.

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We urge our neighbors to help Albany maintain a reputation as a city that educates its children and to vote yes in June for the \$120 per year parcel tax for our schools.

Charlie Prins, D.C.
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Belinda Lum
Robert Marshall
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Thoughtless views on military

Martin Snapp's admiration of militarism, in his column last week welcoming the Marine exercise "Urban Warrior" to the Bay Area, struck me as appalling. In a week when even Clinton was apologizing for what the U.S. military has done in Guatemala during the past several decades, could we not have done without Snapp's thoughtless remarks about the wonderfulness of the "military community"? The

military "virtues" that he so highly touts - "a sense of honor," "doing the job right" - were perfectly exemplified by Nazi troopers. Their "job" just happened to include, for example, the extermination of Jews.

I would like to clear up one of Snapp's distortions in particular. He writes that "The incidence of returning Vietnam vets being spat on or called 'baby-killers' happened more often than most of us ex-Berkeley radicals like to admit." The idea that a considerable number, if not most, radical protesters in the '60s despised or hated soldiers was a fabrication propagated by the right in this country, aiming to convince soldiers that the anti-war movement was their enemy.

After reading Snapp's column, I asked around, among friends who, like myself, were active in Bay Area protest movements during the war in Indo-China. Not a single one of them remembers anyone in our ranks ever spitting on a soldier or calling them "baby-killers." What we did believe is that soldiers' lives were being put at risk in order to serve the interests of this country's ruling powers. More than a few soldiers and ex-soldiers arrived at the same conclusion and joined the anti-war movement. (In the mid-'60s, anti-war activists organized GI coffee shops across the nation, where soldiers of every persuasion came to socialize and talk about their lives with young people like ourselves.) This is not to say that we on the left did not have our weaknesses. We certainly did. But Snapp's column does not help us to understand them.

"The time has come," Snapp concludes, "to stop seeing every issue through Vietnam-colored glasses." As if the U.S. military - including advisors and training centers like the "School of the Americas" at Fort Benning Georgia - had nothing to do with the devastation of other Asian countries such as Laos, and Cambodia during the '60s and '70s, with the violent repression in Latin American and African nations that has gone on for many decades and continues still today, and with the senseless, massively destructive bombing of Iraq. Let us not allow a facile amnesia to obscure this historical record.

Raymond Barglow
Berkeley

VIEWPOINT

Group presses for quieter BART operation

ensure that the results are satisfactory. To prevent this problem from recurring, the group urged BART to implement a schedule of annual track grinding in noisy areas that impact many residents.

For more information or to add your name to the Citizens' mailing list, leave a voicemail message at (510) 236-2128.

The text of the letter to BART board President Dan Richard:

I represent the Citizens for a Quieter Neighborhood, whose primary mission for the past three years has been to reduce the noise generated by BART trains in the area just north of the El Cerrito Del Norte BART station. After notify-

ing BART this past summer that the tracks needed to be re-ground, we would like to acknowledge your partial resolution of this problem. We appreciate the efforts of BART Board members Willie Kennedy, Joel Keller, and Roy Nakadegawa for their support and advice and Chief Engineer James Dunn for his patience, technical knowledge, and implementation skills.

Although noise generated by BART trains bound south from the Richmond station toward the Del Norte station has decreased significantly since the tracks were re-ground in mid-1998, noise generated by trains bound north from the Del Norte station toward Richmond is

still at unacceptable levels. We have repeatedly discussed this problem with members of Mr. Dunn's staff and former president James Fang, but their response has not been reassuring and the noise generated by northbound trains has not decreased enough to allow nearby residents quiet enjoyment of their homes.

We have been working with BART to resolve this problem for over eight months now, and our patience is wearing thin. The East Richmond Neighborhood Council may be comfortable with the current level of noise, but the level in the neighborhoods we serve is still unacceptable. We urge you to (1) re-grind the northbound track around the curve

just north of the Del Norte station as soon as possible and (2) keep us informed by notifying our group of the date and time of the re-grinding and immediately consulting with us afterwards to ensure that the results are satisfactory. To prevent this problem from recurring, we request that you implement a schedule of annual track grinding in particularly noisy areas that impact many residents (such as the curve north of the Del Norte station). For other areas, track grinding may be needed less frequently.

We recognize that it is difficult and expensive for BART to reduce the noise of its trains to the whisper-quiet levels promised when BART

was first proposed in the Bay Area. We remain optimistic, however, that BART can achieve acceptable noise levels if it makes that a top priority. It is clearly better public relations for BART to be proactive in this regard rather than waiting for angry residents to contact the media and file lawsuits after an intolerable problem remains unrectified.

Thank you for your past efforts. We look forward to receiving a written commitment from you regarding your plans to reduce the noise generated by your trains.

Sincerely,
Barbara J. Hill
for the Citizens for a Quieter Neighborhood

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

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Witness criticizes handling of robbery

By Marc Albert

ALBANY — While police are putting together leads in the robberies on consecutive days of a Solano Avenue restaurant, a witness is criticizing the department's handling of the first holdup on March 5.

"I'm dealing with more frustration from the Police Department than from the robbers," said Marjorie Weingrow, a 50-year-old office manager, about the nighttime armed robbery of Britt-Marie's restaurant by two Uzi-toting gunmen.

Police, however, say that the heists may have been well-planned by professionals and that it may be linked to a string of similar incidents in the East Bay.

Weingrow claimed it took police 10 minutes to respond to a 911 call made by a waiter who sneaked out the back door during the robbery and phoned from a neighboring business. Albany Police investigator Lt. Bill Palmini, however, maintains police arrived in 2 1/2 minutes.

"The way the police handled it was like the Keystone Kops," said Weingrow. "When they finally showed up, they let (witnesses) come in and go out from the scene. It was

total chaos." Weingrow said patrons left the restaurant without being interviewed and giving over information to police.

"I don't know how they handled it, because I never talked to the police, they never talked to me," said Danielle Spellman, another witness to the Friday night incident.

"The robbers were completely professional, they knew exactly what to do and they obviously felt the police were such a joke that they came back and did the same thing again at the same place," Weingrow added. Britt-Marie's was robbed again by two similar gunmen, also carrying Uzi's, the next night.

Palmini said the robbers might indeed be professionals. Police think the duo might be involved in a string of restaurant takeover robberies throughout the East Bay. The robberies have occurred mainly on weekends.

Palmini said the robbers may have police scanners and know their terrain. The March 5 robbery occurred while police were investigating another call near the Eastshore Highway dead-end. The distance hindered response time. Saturday's robbery happened while officers were

"We're putting a lot of the manpower in this investigation. Coming to town like this, especially twice, I take it personal."

Police Lt. Bill Palmini

dealing with a fight at Memorial Park.

Weingrow complained police called her at 1:30 a.m. to tell her they had located her property, but was only given her medical card. Palmini said police wanted to give crime victims good news as soon as possible so they could avoid expenses like canceling checks and credit cards. Weingrow's purse was stolen during the robbery. She had only \$6 in it.

"We're putting a lot of the manpower in this investigation. Coming to town like this, especially twice, I take it personal," Palmini said.

But much of the discussion last week was not about the bigger picture, but about a specific issue, with many people at the meeting urging the city to keep properties near Rogers Court and along Moeser Lane as undeveloped open space.

Susanna Lindquist, who lives on Rogers Court, said that Appendix B of the General Plan states that open space should remain open space.

Six city-owned lots above Rogers Court and adjacent to the Hillside Natural Area were declared surplus and placed on the market. One has been sold. Lindquist and other Rogers Court residents attending the meeting urged the city to take the lots off the market and maintain the land as undeveloped open space.

Younger said it would be unwise to remove any of the open space from the plan. He also said it would be prudent to label as open space in the updated General Plan any known geologically unstable land "such as that at the corner of Moeser Lane and Seaview."

Phillips said a draft of the new General Plan and the draft EIR will be available for public review in about three weeks.

People will have 30 days to comment on the documents, and in mid-April the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the EIR.

In June, Phillips explained, the Planning Commission will hold a hearing on the proposed General Plan itself.

In the first week of July, if all goes well, the City Council will consider the Planning Commission's recommendations on the document and subsequently adopt El Cerrito's new General Plan.

He contended that the Planning Commission and city staff are "geared towards a certain type of future." That is, a future "with a lot of housing" along San Pablo Avenue. Loubal maintained that "that's the wrong way to go for this city" and that the "real nitty-gritty" of the General Plan is "directly tied to the financial future of this community."

Others on the committee, although they seemed to agree that a fiscal element could be included in the General Plan, pointed out that such an element would have to be general in scope.

"Inserting this economic element that says 'you got a great idea for land use — now prove to us it makes sense financially,' makes sense," said El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Manager Seward Glinternick.

But Glinternick cautioned

strongly that any such section in the General Plan has to avoid any specific planning. "A General Plan is designed to guide the land use practices of the city," Glinternick explained. It is not, he added, "designed to chart the course for economic development."

Glinternick said Perka's suggestion that a "fiscal management element be put in" to the General Plan "is a sound one."

However, he also warned: "If you go much beyond that, you're doing specific project planning, and you can't do that in a General Plan, or you shouldn't do that in a General Plan."

The Committee of the Whole will consider forming a financial management policies subcommittee to study the issue further and make a report.

told the others at the meeting. "Enough is enough — it's time to really put the city first," she added. Brusatori said a hiatus would provide time to discuss redevelopment issues and that it is important the community knows "that we have a plan to repay the debt."

The study session took place over the objections of La Force who argued that another citizens' group, the Redevelopment Advisory Committee, should have been given time to study and comment on the Committee of the Whole's report.

"I see nothing in here that indicates that this report was sent to the citizens' Redevelopment Advisory Committee, which we set up specifically to advise us on redevelopment issues," La Force said. He said it was "totally inappropriate" to discuss the report before receiving RAC input. "I think it's a slap in the face to that committee and the decent citizens who have worked hard on that committee," La Force added. "I really think this should be postponed until they are given a chance to review it and provide their input," La Force urged.

La Force's motion to postpone the study session did not receive a second and Brusatori characterized La Force's objections as "absolutely irrelevant." It was pointed out that last Monday's discussion was a study session and that no council vote on the matter would occur.

The council unanimously passed a motion to seek RAC input before it acts on the redevelopment report. By council consensus, it was agreed that action on the Committee of the Whole's recommendations will be taken within the next two months.

She said that for too long the agency has "crowded out" the city in terms of focus and time attention and has been divisive in the community. "I believe it has to stop," Brusatori

It does not recommend the agency suspend activities or go into hiatus. It states that any money or staff required by the agency during such a suspension "would have to

be taken within the next two months.

Same game, different paths

DiMaggio, Raimondi shared common bond starting out at the same time in the PCL

By Corey Lyons

Billy Raimondi, a soft-spoken 86-year-old man, is sifting through an old binder stuffed with yellowing newspaper clippings from his days on the diamond.

The headlines are flattering — "Raimondi still 'regular' despite fame" — and intriguing — "Raimondi gets raise, seeks more pay."

But today, Raimondi is not interested in re-living his glory days playing baseball. He is looking for a scrap sheet, an article, a box score — anything from one memorable afternoon on July 25, 1933.

It was the date that Joe DiMaggio, then a lanky rookie with the San Francisco Seals, had his mind-numbing 61-game hitting streak halted by Oakland Oaks pitcher Ed Walsh Jr.

"It was the day we stopped him," says Raimondi, an Oakland Oaks catcher at the time.

For about three years, Raimondi's baseball path crossed with the great DiMaggio during the Pacific Coast League, often regarded as "the third major league."

Those constant brushes with the legendary New York Yankee — who died March 8 at 84 — puts a glimmer of excitement back in Raimondi's eyes.

Through many decades, the two men had built an esoteric relationship formed from three components: heritage, rivalry and respect.

"It didn't matter what we pitched to him," says Raimondi, an Alameda resident. "He hit everything. He was the greatest player I've ever seen."

DiMaggio won nine World Series during his stellar 13-year Yankees career, and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1955.

Raimondi spent two decades in the PCL — including a record 17 years with the Oaks — and was inducted into the Helms Hall of Fame in 1951.

DiMaggio played for the 1939 New York Yankees, arguably the greatest team ever assembled; they won 106 games, and swept the Cincinnati Reds in the World Series.

Raimondi played for the 1948 Oakland Oaks, who captured their first PCL pennant in 21 years. The loose collection of thirtysomethings were dubbed Caven Stengel's "Nine Old Men." (Stengel subsequently was named Yankees manager.)

DiMaggio was bestow with a number of colorful nicknames: "Joltin' Joe, the Yankee Clipper, Mr. Coffee. On the sandlots as a kid, Raimondi was called "fatty."

DiMaggio married Marilyn Monroe in 1954; Raimondi married Fran in 1940.

DiMaggio retired from baseball on his own terms in 1951; Raimondi was released by the Los Angeles Angels in 1953.

"I used to call the Raimondi family 'the poor man's DiMaggio family,'" says Fran, chuckling.

Still, the two quiet Italians — each of whom enjoyed distinguished careers playing a game they loved — regarded each other with great mutual respect.

After all, DiMaggio and Raimondi broke into the PCL in the latter weeks of the 1932 season — on opposite sides of the Bay Bridge, no less.

And by the time they finished their business in the Bay Area — DiMaggio as graceful outfielder for the San Francisco Seals, Raimondi as a 150-pound tough-nosed catcher for the Oaks — each had become celebrated heroes.

Of course, it took a lifetime for Raimondi to understand his Seals rival.

"Joe was very hard to understand because he was so aloof," Raimondi says. "He always kept quiet; you just knew he didn't want to talk."

"But in spring training, 1951, Joe came over and asked a few people what he wanted to see me. I didn't know what it was. We just stood there and talked for about a half hour. From that time on, he was always very nice to me."

Joltin' Joe was less friendly — or social — on the diamond. He ruined great pitchers with his bat speed, and walked away without a word.

"He'd never say a word to you; he'd just go up there and hit," says Raimondi, who hit .270 for his career.

"When you get a hitter like Joe, they can hit everything. It wasn't like us 250 hitters. When I look at good hitters, you can throw the ball up near their chest, and they'll barely move. Young hitters will jump out of the box. Joe never did that."

With the dark clouds of the Great Depression looming over America, Raimondi and DiMaggio were preparing to play baseball to help their large Italian families pay the bills.

Giuseppe DiMaggio, a crab fish-



Billy Raimondi, now 86, started out in baseball's Pacific Coast at the same time as Joe DiMaggio.

erman, moved his eight-member family from Martinez to San Francisco in the 1920s. He wanted to be closer to his true love: Fisherwoman's Wharf.

In 1900, San Francisco had already become the largest city west of the Mississippi. It was a western hub that attracted scores of people from all over the world.

In fact, it was the perfect stage from which to showcase a taciturn slugger named Joe DiMaggio.

Initially, Giuseppe dissuaded his boys from playing baseball — he wanted his sons to earn a real living in the trades.

But the boys continued to play the game, and began impressing the senior DiMaggio by earning pay.

Tom DiMaggio was the first to enter the PCL; he would be followed by Vince, Joe and finally, Dominic, as DiMaggios who suited up for the Oaks.

Joe DiMaggio quickly distinguished himself. He filled in for an injured Seals shortstop for the final three games in 1932, and turned heads with his bat speed and rocket arm, which had trouble finding first base with a map.

Still, DiMaggio earned a \$225 per month salary for the 1933 season. His legend was on the way.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the Bay, the Raimondis were enduring hard times.

Oakland, during this same period, was a sleepy town with a small population of farmers and merchants.

Billy was the second oldest of seven children — Clarence, Joe, Al, Ernie, Walter and Lorraine were the others — born to John and Mary Raimondi.

John shined shoes in downtown Oakland, and Mary endured taxing shifts peeling and pitting peaches in a cannery.

But one afternoon while John was working downtown, he was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver. It was two weeks before Christmas, 1931 — and the Raimondis were jarred.

"It really hurt," says Billy, who never had a chance to say goodbye. "He was really good to us."

With a large family to feed and one salary coming in, the Raimondis sought refuge on the diamond. Billy was the first to play professional baseball, followed by Ernie, who quit high school to do it.

Billy signed a contract for \$200 a month — cut to \$150 shortly before spring training — to join the Arizona-Texas League.

Like many minor leagues during the Depression, that league folded in 1932, the former McClymonds High School star became a starter for the Oaks in 1934.

Joe DiMaggio's illustrious 61-game streak in 1933 pumped new life into the PCL, whose attendance rose wherever he went.

"By then, everyone was already reading about him — everybody kept talking about how great he was," Raimondi says.

"Of course, we wanted to see him keep getting the hits — he was bringing all the people in for our games."

For most of DiMaggio's career

with the Seals, Raimondi best seat in the house — a

From his squatting position, the catcher watched helpless Joe sent line drives spiraling outfield.

"He hit everything we

Raimondi says, smiling, "I run; a lot of people didn't

about him."

"It's hard for me to be there is somebody better. Ted Williams might be a better hitter, but not in

Willie Mays had better ship — a great ballplayer didn't get me wrong — to make them better than

After helping the Seals PCL crown in 1935, Joe DiMaggio was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1953. Five years earlier, he had been a member of the San Francisco Seals, which had won the PCL title in 1936.

Raimondi, meanwhile, three lonely days in the bay after being traded to the Seals in 1935.

Raimondi, whose PCL career was higher than many major league players in the time, joined the Red Sox in 1935.

"But when I got there, I throw," says Raimondi, throwing shoulder had

cruciating pain.

So instead of beginning his career in the show, he watched a three-game series and nursed his arm right

the dugout.

"It was a lost time," he says. "I wish I hadn't even sat up there and watched it. I hated to waste of time.

"It was the closest I ever

happened to me."

It was also the best time he ever happened to me. Because by 1937, his shoulder had healed and he began a long career playing professional baseball in the Bay Area.

He was a local hero, actually decline an opportunity to play in the major leagues.

Raimondi finished his PCL career a 16-time with a reputation as the league's most durable player.

Over the decades, Raimondi would pass through different seats at the ballpark along with a few other players — sat down in the highbrow restaurant in Bay Bridge, was \$7 a glass. "Fran says out the menu from that

afternoon.

Joltin' Joe's autograph, ink, is streaked across the menu.

"We sat there for hours," he says. "I guess, by then, Joe felt himself."

"I guess he knew I like him," he says. "I to bother him."

After more than an hour, two quiet Italians and friends.

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Gauchos headed to state final

El Cerrito wins NorCal basketball crown

By Curtis Pashelka

SACRAMENTO — El Cerrito boys basketball claimed its first-ever trip to the state championship on Saturday with a 48-41 win over Acalanes in the California Interscholastic Federation Division III NorCal regional finals at Arco Arena.

The top-seeded Gauchos withstood a furious fourth quarter rally by the Dons to get to the title game.

After leading by 11 points midway through the third quarter, Acalanes fought back to make the score 44-41 when E. J. Vercelles hit three free throws with 1:40 left.

That was as close as Acalanes would get as El Cerrito scored the final four points of the game.

Those shots came from the hands of El Cerrito's two marquee players this season.

Jovan Harris drove to the basket with 45 seconds left, to give the Gauchos a 46-41 lead. Then Gauchos center Andrew Gooden hit two free throws with 17 seconds to go to ice the game.

"We're happy with the position that we're in, but we're not completely happy with the way we played," said El Cerrito coach Chris Huber. "Acalanes is a very good team. We hope to play a lot better. We hope to play up to our potential when we go against our Southern California opponent."

Better shooting

El Cerrito will play Washington Union of Fresno in the state championship game this Saturday at Arco Arena at 2:30 p.m.

If the Gauchos hope to prevail in the state title game, they will have to improve on the 19-for-62 shooting performance they had against Acalanes.

Throughout the game, El Cerrito missed several easy shots in the paint and could not put the Dons away until the final seconds.

The poor shooting started in the first quarter when El Cerrito was 3 of 18 from the floor and fell behind 10-9. But the Gauchos started to put things together offensively after that.

With Acalanes leading 17-15 midway through the second quarter, El Cerrito went on a 12-0 run in the last four minutes of

the half.

Emonte Jernigan led the Gauchos with 10 points while Harris added eight.

The Gauchos would have had a bigger halftime lead than 27-17 had Gooden gotten untracked.

The Kansas-bound center shot a paltry 3 of 12 from the floor in the first half.

"I came out shooting the ball horribly, but I tried not to let it get into my head," said Gooden, who finished with 14 points and 14 rebounds. "You can have all of the excuses in the world; new ball, tight rim, the environment. There's so many excuses."

Dons ailing

Acalanes, meanwhile, seemed to be fighting an uphill battle from the start.

Seventy seconds into the first quarter, point guard Justin Smith left the game with a hyperextension of his left knee. Smith missed the rest of the first half and played only briefly in the third quarter.

Smith's injury forced forward Matt Teichman to bring the ball upcourt for the Dons. It was apparent Acalanes missed its point guard, as the Dons couldn't get into an offensive rhythm in the first half, shooting 5 of 26 from the floor while committing seven turnovers.

Acalanes tried every way it could to get back into the game after halftime as Vercelles came off the bench and immediately had an impact by scoring five points in the third quarter. Erik Ramp also found his stroke, getting his first six points of the game in the third frame.

Those two players helped the Dons cut the Gauchos lead to 38-30 after 24 minutes.

Acalanes held off El Cerrito's patented third quarter run, and continued to make inroads into the Gauchos' lead when Ramp drove to the basket to start the fourth quarter and make the score 38-32.

El Cerrito then maintained at least a six point lead until Vercelles hit his three free throws. But it wasn't enough for the Dons, who had beaten Natomas of Sacramento and Riordan of San Francisco to advance to Saturday's game.

"We worked our butts off for 10

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EL CERRITO'S Jovan Harris (35) drives past Acalanes's Terry Moore (42) in the NorCal Div. III basketball finals Saturday at the Arco Arena in Sacramento. The Gauchos won, 48-41, to advance to the state finals Saturday.

El Cerrito's trademark third quarter

Gauchos use late run to reach NorCal finals

By Mike McGreehan

(see related story). El Cerrito had beaten Acalanes 71-59 for the NCS title March 6.

El Cerrito High School's boys basketball team has developed a characteristic pattern of play in recent games: the Gauchos fall behind early, go ahead late in the first half, then blow the opposition out with a big third quarter.

El Cerrito played true to form last Thursday in its Northern California Regional Division III semifinal at Berkeley High.

The Gauchos trailed at the end of the first quarter, led by a bucket at halftime, then put San Mateo High away with a strong third quarter en route to a 71-54 win.

"It's our trademark, that third quarter," said Gauchos coach Chris Huber. "There was good chemistry with guys supporting one another. It was a good effort by everybody."

El Cerrito advanced to the NorCal final at the Arco Arena in Sacramento on Saturday, where it beat Acalanes 48-41 in a rematch of the North Coast Section final

Unusual scoring

Gooden, at 6-foot-9, is usually El Cerrito's inside presence. But thanks to San Mateo's defense, Gooden got the opportunity to showcase his talents from outside, as he buried two 3-pointers in the first quarter before adding a third trey early in the second.

Harris, known for driving the lane and for high-flying dunks, also showed another dimension to his game by burying a trey in the first quarter.

Gooden's third and final trey of the night pulled the Gauchos within one point at 26-25 early in the second quarter. Harris added a free throw moments later to tie.

San Mateo then went on one final run, scoring six straight points for a 32-26 lead.

But El Cerrito crept back by continuing to give San Mateo a taste of its own medicine.

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The real Jackets show up to beat Acalanes

Berkeley lacrosse wins in double OT

By Richard Karraker

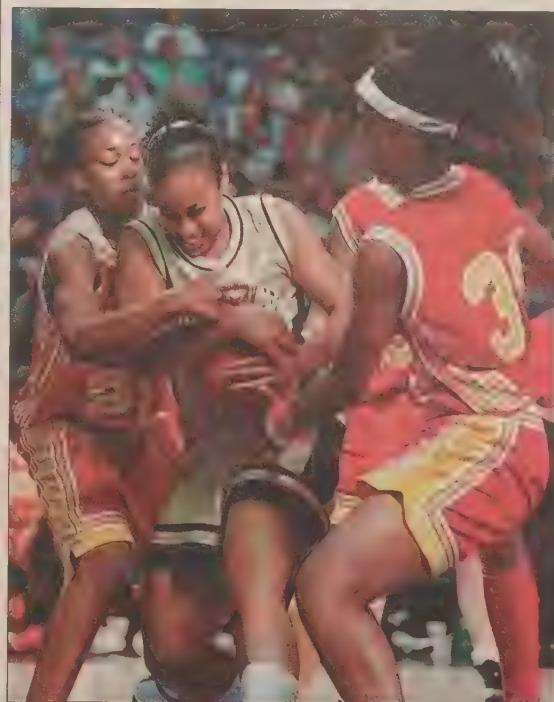
Berkeley High boys lacrosse had reason to doubt its ability and future after a 10-5 loss to lightly regarded Menlo High on Saturday.

Instead the team came together with a jolt and defeated powerful Acalanes 6-5 in double overtime Tuesday afternoon at Berkeley.

The several hundred fans in attendance were uncertain of which Berkeley team would show up on this bleak afternoon. The Yellowjackets came into the game ready to put the loss to Menlo behind them. "The team practiced well on Monday," said senior Nick Bradley. "The Menlo game is history. We're ready."

Senior midfielder Ben Schoeler made sure Bradley was right. Schoeler put the Jackets' fate on his shoulders by scoring four goals, including the game winner in double overtime.

The Jackets jumped out to a 4-2 lead in the first half behind three goals by



BERKELEY'S Aisha Hollans (23) and Sabrina Keys (34) grapple with Mitty's Simone Hicks (center) in the NorCal Div. I finals. Berkeley lost 61-53.

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Berkeley falters in NorCal finals

Jackets can't sink shots, fall to Mitty

By Curtis Pashelka

SACRAMENTO — Berkeley High girls basketball was denied a chance to return to the California Interscholastic Federation Division I state final on Saturday after losing 61-53 to Archbishop Mitty of San Jose in the NorCal regional final at Arco Arena.

The Yellowjackets had been in the state final game the previous two seasons. Last year they beat Mitty in the NorCal final to reach the state, but not this time around.

A 9-2 run by the Monarchs in the final three minutes ended the Jackets' season one week before they had hoped.

"They were more poised than we were at the end," said Berkeley junior Aisha Hollans, who finished with 24 points.

"Mitty has a really good team and I respect them all. We did a good job, but we could have done better. We just need to regroup and have everybody ready for next year."

Next season now seems like a long way off, especially after losing to a team that they had beaten easily in last year's NorCal final.

But this was a different Archbishop Mitty team. They were ranked first in the state by Cal-Hi Sports for most of the season and appeared to be the favorite going into the game.

Berkeley's lead

But it didn't start out that way. Berkeley (26-6) had its biggest lead of the game in the first quarter as it grabbed an early 13-6 lead with the help of nine points from Hollans.

While Hollans was connecting offensively, the rest of the Yellowjackets were not. In the second quarter, forwards Robin Roberson, Sabrina Keys and Coriel Davis shot a combined 2-for-10 from the floor.

That allowed Archbishop Mitty (31-0) to erase the early-seven point deficit and eventually take a 19-18 lead with 5:30 left in the second quarter.

Leading the way for the Monarchs were guards Kristin Iwanaga and Kerri Nakamoto, who had five points each in the second quarter to give their team a 28-25 lead at halftime.

"I told my team at halftime that I thought we should have been ahead 38-

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Jackets semifinal an omen for finals

By Mike McGreehan

If Berkeley could have maintained the same level of play it showed for four magical minutes last Thursday in a 54-47 win at home over Castlemont, a state Division I girls basketball championship would have been a foregone conclusion.

But the sports world can fill a book with stories "ifs," "could haves" and "would haves."

Berkeley wrote the latest chapter Saturday after a 61-53 loss to Archbishop Mitty in the NorCal final at Sacramento's Arco Arena. It was a bitter end to what had been a great season for the Yellowjackets (26-6), who had entertained visions of a state championship after reaching the state final last year.

What had gone wrong? It was just two days earlier that the team showed a glimpse of what might have been when it faced Castlemont in NorCal semifinal play.

During the first four minutes of the third quarter, the second-seeded Jackets could do no wrong. They scored 11 straight points and appeared to have the Oakland Athletic League champion safely in their rearview mirrors.

The Jackets had played most of their games this season in the same dominating manner. It was the other 28 minutes that served as an omen of things to come for Berkeley, which staved off a late charge by the Knights to pull out its win.

"We almost let them back in the game," said Berkeley coach Gene Nakamura. "We missed layups and easy buckets."

Neither team showed much in the first half, which ended with the Yellowjackets holding a 24-21 lead.

After halftime, though, the Jackets looked more like the team that had rolled through its East Bay Athletic League schedule without a loss. Berkeley seemed to be cruising along with a 35-21 advantage.

Berkeley later went ahead 39-23 - its biggest lead of the game - but the sharpness that had characterized earlier had vanished. Had the Jackets maintained their level of play, they would have led by more than 20 points. By the end of the third quarter, Castlemont had trimmed Berkeley's lead to 41-29. At that time, Aisha Hollans drove the lane, put up a shot that went in the basket, and crashed to the floor after colliding with a Castlemont defender. Berke-

ley thought it was up by 13 with a chance to make it 14 if Hollans could complete her three-point play.

To the Jackets' dismay, the ref called a charge against Hollans. "We're trying to promote women's officiating, but she put women's officiating back 10 years," Nakamura said, referring to the female referee who made the call against Hollans.

Berkeley's problems didn't end with Hollans' foul. Just 20 seconds later Nichole Hardaway got whistled for her fifth foul, a block. Despite protests, she would have to sit the rest of the night. Sabrina Keys opened a little breathing room for the Yellowjackets by hitting a basket with 3:48 left for a 46-40 lead.

With one minute left Robin Roberson put back an offensive rebound for a 50-43 advantage. Berkeley's outlook got even better when Coriel Davis netted two free throws for a nine-point advantage with 43.2 seconds to play. Hollans led the Jackets with 14 points and McGlaston added 10. Hardaway scored eight before fouling out. Keys had seven.

Davis, who fouled out with 13.8 seconds left, added six points. Roberson also scored six. Angelita Hutton nailed a trey for her only points.

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Schooler.

Acalanes was able to stay in the game with a powerplay goal after a Berkeley penalty.

The halftime lead was quickly reduced to a one-goal advantage when Acalanes scored a second goal with a two-man advantage.

Berkeley was able to go the rest of the way without a penalty, but Acalanes tied at 5-5 to send the game

into overtime.

Trippy overtime

The first overtime was a tense affair with Berkeley holding the ball the majority of the time.

The Jackets were unable to score despite their chances and the score remained 5-5 as the second overtime began.

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20," Berkeley coach Gene Nakamura said. "That should have been the halftime score if we would have converted 70 percent of what we shot in there."

The Monarchs held their lead for most of the third quarter then increased it to five points when Aimee Grzyb hit two free throws to give her team a 42-37 lead with 1:27 to play.

Not done yet

But Berkeley wasn't done yet. Af-

ter Hollans converted a three point play, Roberson sank two free throws to open the fourth quarter and tie the game at 42 with 7:21 to play.

Hollans then converted another three-point play with 6:20 left to give the Yellowjackets a 45-43 lead.

The two teams then exchanged baskets for the next three minutes until Monarchs forward Rometta Craig drove the lane to give her team a 51-49 lead with 2:30 left.

Archbishop Mitty would not trail again as the Monarchs went on a 7-2 run from that point to ice the game.

Craig, the daughter of former 49ers players Roger Craig, led the

Monarchs with 21 points. She was a first school this year and made a difference.

"(Craig) has been a star all year long," Mrs. Sue Phillips-Chargin says. "Rometta has played her best basketball. She did a major impact in the game."

Archbishop Mitty will be the California champion for the Div. 1 state title this year at Arco Arena at 6 p.m.

2:52 left in the quarter.

Another Jernigan break opened a 12 seconds later opened a lead. El Cerrito extended its lead to 54-43 by the quarter.

Some teams become dominant with a big third-quarter lead. Gauchos did not let up in the period. Consecutive half-courters and Jamil Hill gave El Cerrito the biggest lead of the night, 61-43, in the contest.

Jernigan finished the game with 11 points. King added five and Jamil Hill four. Billy Hill three.

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With 1:02 left in the half, Emonte Jernigan hit a 3-pointer from the right corner to cut San Mateo's lead to 34-33.

When Jeremiah King sunk another trey with a half-minute left, the Gauchos were in the lead for keeps at 34-34.

At halftime, we said (San Mateo) can't shoot that well the entire game," said Huber. "We just have to bear down defensively and not let them have second shots."

El Cerrito did play well on defense in the second half. The Gauchos

weren't too shabby on offense, either.

Gooden sets tone

El Cerrito opened the second half with an 8-2 run. Gooden started the half with a put-back of his own rebound, a play that seemed to set the tone for the rest of the half.

When Harris scored off a steal, the Gauchos had a 42-36 lead with 5:21 to go in the quarter. Less than a minute later, Harris buried two free throws to put the Gauchos up by eight.

San Mateo got within five points, but never came any closer. When Jernigan scored off a steal by King, the Gauchos had a 48-41 lead with

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Secret gardens to unfurl

By Patricia Abe

Fanciful gardens in the English tradition and gardens cleverly incorporating rocks and boulders are among the rare delights to be explored in the 13th annual Secret Gardens of the East Bay garden tour, sponsored by Park Day School of Oakland. This year's event takes place on Sunday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine.

Proceeds from the tour benefit the scholarship and academic programs of Park Day School, an independent K-6 school.

Tickets are \$35 per person and include a map for a self-guided tour and a booklet with detailed descriptions of each garden.

This year's tour consists of 10 exemplary private gardens in Oakland, Berkeley and Piedmont. Bicycle touring maps are also available; carpooling is highly encouraged. Gardens are not accessible to strollers or wheelchairs.

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Thursday, March 18

Rhododendrons. The California chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Ruben Gusman, Satsuki azalea specialist, will present slides on azaleas for bonsai. Call (510) 222-9664.

Book signing. Charles Salter discusses his recent book, "Acoustics: Architecture, engineering, the environment" 7 p.m. at Builder's Booksource, 1817 Fourth St., Berkeley. Call (510) 845-6874.

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Saturday, March 27 and Sunday, March 28

Cymbidiums. The Golden Gate Cymbidium Society's 10th Annual Show and Sale will be held on Saturday, March 27th and Sunday, March 28th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; free; Lakeside Park Garden Center,

666 Bellevue Ave., in Oakland's Lakeside Park. The show will include Cymbidium Society of America judging, orchid raffles and potting demonstrations. Call (510) 893-8478 for details.

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Thursday, April 22

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Secrets

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Gourmet box lunches with iced drinks will be available by prepaid reservations for an additional \$7.50, and may be picked up at Park Day School any time during the hours of the tour.

Experts will speak on a variety of garden-related topics at the school during lunch hour.

Park Day School is located at 370 47th St. at Shafter Avenue in Oakland. The Garden Tour phone number is (510) 653-6250.

Secret Gardens of the East Bay provides an outstanding opportunity to view some of the most distinguished landscapes in Northern California, gardens not otherwise open to the public.

This year's tour features gardens, including a 100-year-old garden designed by Jim L. Makishima that gardeners can stroll through the grounds of the temple; a bonsai's garden forest; featuring many species of conifers; and a Victorian Folly in the garden.

Volunteer docents in each garden, in addition to property owners and landscapers who will be on hand to come guests and answer questions.

1999 Secret Gardens of the East Bay Tour offers a wealth of surprises and surprises to all who appreciate the beauty and artistry of gardens.

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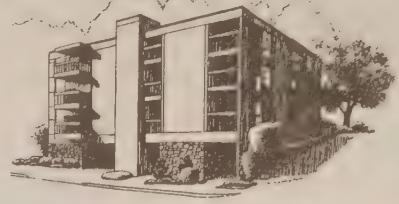
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Use tiles made from recycled

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Use edging material to create and maintain clean lines in your garden beds and walkways. Recycled plastic edging is easily bent to form curves.

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Plan outdoor seating within a garden to offer a respite for the gardener and guests as well as a better viewing point for the surrounding landscape. Benches and lawn furniture made from recycled plastic lumber can withstand impact better than those made of wood and resist mold, mildew or damage from animals or insects.

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True experiences

By Tarpoff and Talbert

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What about you? What does owning do for you? What does it cost? Why do it at all?

What might you do instead? Will you treasure time spent in ceiling painting or tree pruning or sink caulking? You might love owning;

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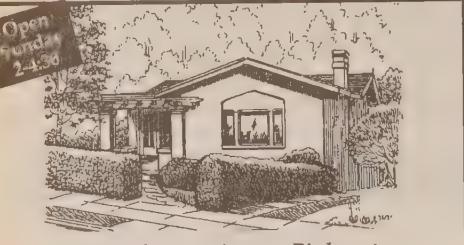
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It is true that for 1999 the Federal Estate Tax does not kick in unless your assets exceed \$650,000 — which is nothing to sneeze at. However, you might be surprised at how quickly your wealth can exceed that amount, especially with the current long-running bull market that has caused many stock values to increase substantially.

Also, items in your taxable estate go far beyond the value of your investments. When you add up the value of your IRAs, retirement funds, such as profit sharing or 401(k) plans, the current value of your home, vacation homes, other real estate and death benefits from life insurance policies, you may find that your estate tops the \$650,000 threshold.

No estate tax from spouse

First, you should know that if you are married, you do not have to worry about paying estate taxes on what you inherit from your spouse. (It's called the "unlimited marital deduction").

However, estate taxes can become an issue when the second spouse dies. The estate of the second spouse will be responsible for paying the taxes, which begin at 37 percent and go as high as 55 percent on estate worth more than \$3 million. Without estate planning, an estate worth \$3 million would shrink to \$1,920,500 after the taxes were paid, the rest — \$1,079,500 — would go to federal and state taxes.

OK, so now you are paying attention. But you are probably wondering what you can do to prevent Uncle Sam from becoming your biggest beneficiary.

Credit shelter trust works

By using a "credit shelter trust," a married couple with a \$3 million

Money matters

By Leila Gough

estate, for example, could save up to \$300,000 in taxes.

The "credit shelter trust" enables both spouses to take advantage of their respective \$650,000 exemptions. Instead of leaving all assets directly to the surviving spouse, your attorney can prepare appropriate documents to create the trust at the first death. The surviving spouse will still be entitled to all of the income from this trust, and can have access to principal as well.

When you make gifts, you remove both the asset itself and any future

It is better to give...

Gifting is another effective, yet simple strategy for reducing estate taxes. You are entitled to give up to \$10,000 each year to as many individuals as you want without any gift or estate-tax consequences. A married couple can give up to \$20,000 each year.

You'll lose control

But remember: in order to remove the gift from your estate, it must be irrevocable, which means you will permanently lose control of the asset.

When you make gifts, you remove both the asset itself and any future

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Plan could pay off

If you are in the 55 percent estate tax bracket, you would save \$83,000 in taxes by gifting the assets during your lifetime, instead of transferring the same assets at death.

Your financial consultant can help you determine whether it would make good financial sense to begin a gifting program and discuss other

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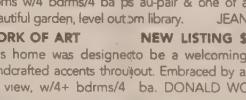


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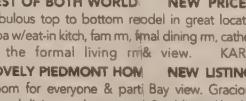
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On the lighter side

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- Pherne Shrewsbury, Rossmoor Retirement Community
- Denise Kaplan, The Gardens — Piedmont & Grand Lake
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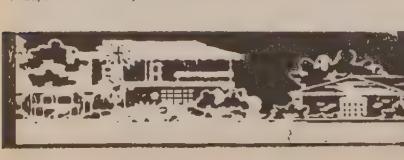
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BUSINESS/Biotech

TURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1999

DEVELOPMENTS

double helix structure of DNA, the genetic code of life, is discovered by American biochemist James Watson and British biophysicist Francis Crick.

Stanley Cohen of Stanford and Herbert Boyer of UCSF slip a gene from a toad into a bacterium, launching biotech. The research cost \$228 million and universities to universities.

Biotech, the new coming gene engineering, is born in San Francisco.

Illustration of the DNA double helix.

Biotech scientists clone human insulin. The discovery allows Eli Lilly & Company to market human insulin in 1982.

Recombinant DNA product to market. Previously, diabetics insulin derived from pigs.

Growth hormone is cloned in 1981.

In 1982, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that life forms can be patented.

Genentech conducts the first biotech offering in October.

Cetus Corp. completes the then-largest initial public offering in market history with proceeds of more than \$107 million.

Several companies, including Xoma Corp. in Berkeley, Applied Biosystems of Foster City, and Chiron Corp. in Emeryville are founded.

Neurologist Stanley B. Prusiner discovers "prions," proteins linked to degenerative brain disease. He later wins the Nobel Prize.

Genentech scientist Kary Mullis of Cetus comes up with a way to replicate bits of DNA, a process called the polymerase chain reaction.

Food and Drug Administration approves the first recombinant vaccine: hepatitis B shot.

Genentech Inc. of Davis wins a patent for a tomato that was genetically engineered to have a longer shelf life.

The tomatoes eventually hit grocery stores under the brand name "Genes."

Genentech is the first to genetically alter a strawberry in a Brentwood field.

National Center for Human Research is founded. The Human Genome Project — the effort to sequence all of human DNA — begins this year.

Genentech licenses a hepatitis C vaccine by Chiron, allowing for the use of blood bank products.

Cloned embryos are cloned in a lab at George Washington University.

Associated Press photo of Dolly, the first clone of an adult mammal.

Bay Area leads bio-revolution

Gene research is flourishing

By Julie Appleby
CONTRA COSTA TIMES STAFF WRITER

WHEN Stanley Cohen of Stanford and Herbert Boyer of UC-San Francisco successfully slipped a gene from an African clawed toad into a common bacterium in 1973, the biotech industry was born.

The transplanted gene began pumping out toad protein inside the bacterium, proving that simple organisms could be drafted to serve as protein "factories."

In the years since, the food we eat, the medicines we take and the tests we get to detect disease have been dramatically altered by that discovery. Bacteria, plants and even animals are "making" the raw materials for drugs and vaccines. A growing number of American food crops are genetically altered, designed to resist drought or pests. Even some laundry detergents use enzymes grown in biotech labs.

But most Americans don't know about the revolution — unless they get sick.

Then they may get a biotech drug that dissolves blood clots to stop their heart attack, or a white blood cell stimulator to prevent infections during chemotherapy. Diagnosed with diabetes, they may take biotech-produced human insulin. Children with growth deficiencies can take a safer form of growth hormone than was previously available.

The hope and the hype have spawned more than 1,200 biotech companies in the United States, with a large concentration in the Bay Area, fueled by investors who have plunked down more than \$93 billion to buy into public companies.

Pursuit of knowledge'

A worldwide race is on to decipher — and patent — the entire human genome, the genetic code that determines what we look like, how our bodies work, what diseases we are felled by.

The rapidly growing understanding of those 100,000 genes could lead to dozens of new drugs and screening tests for disease. Replacement organs and tissues could be grown in labs or animals. Fetuses could receive gene therapy to correct defects before birth.

"In the 21st century, DNA will be to the economy what silicon was in the late 20th century," said Sunil Maulik, director of GeneEd, an Internet-based education company in San Francisco.

But the same scientific advances that started with a transplanted frog gene have also led to Dolly the cloned sheep and the frightening specter of engineered humans, a loss of genetic privacy and custom-made "designer babies."

"The new gene-splicing technology address so many of our yearnings and desires," writes industry critic Jeremy Rifkin in his book, "The Biotech Century." "On the other hand, the new genetic science raises more troubling issues than any other technology revolution in history."

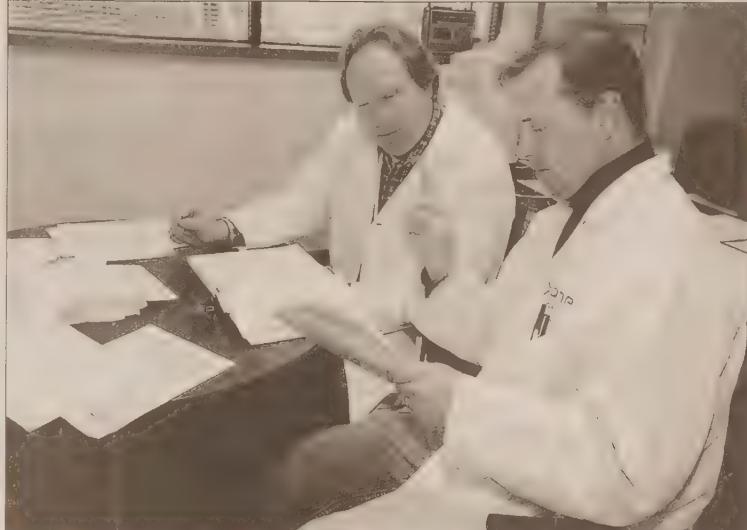
How do we decide when it's moral to use our new knowledge — growing human organs in animals, perhaps — and when it's not, such as cloning humans and keeping them "on ice" in case the original needs replacement parts?

"Man has been tinkering with life forms for thousands of years," Maulik said. "We just do it better now. I see how hard people are working to cure really horrible diseases. At the same time, the work they are doing has potential to cause major upheavals in society. Science isn't inherently good or evil. It's the pursuit of knowledge. Society has to decide what we're going to do with that knowledge."

While the ethical debate grows, so, too, does scientific knowledge. There are about 300 biotech drug products and vaccines now being tested in clinical trials. A percentage will eventually win FDA approval.

A great deal of that knowledge is occurring in the Bay Area, home to many of the pioneers in biotech.

From Boyer and Cohen came recombinant DNA, providing the ability



PHILLIP NG, top, is a researcher at Chiron Corp. of Emeryville, which has been a leader in the field of biotechnology. Tech specialist Mike Molony, above front, and quality control director Ron Carlson review data during a meeting at Xoma, a biotech company in Berkeley.

ity to recombine genes from one species into another.

From Kary Mullis, a biochemist at Cetus Corp., formerly of Emeryville, came a technique to replicate snippets of DNA. Called polymerase chain reaction, or PCR, it enables scientists to make multiple copies of genes. Legend has it that Mullis thought up the process while on a drive through the redwoods.

Scientists in England in the 1970s discovered monoclonal antibodies — disease-fighting antibodies that can be aimed at specific disease antigen targets in the body.

But it was scientists at South San Francisco's Genentech who came up with the first monoclonal antibody product approved for use against cancer in the United States. Rituxan, developed in conjunction with IDEC

Pharmaceuticals, went on the market in 1997 to treat patients with certain types of lymphoma.

Last year, Genentech put another monoclonal antibody product on the market — Herceptin, for treating advanced breast cancer.

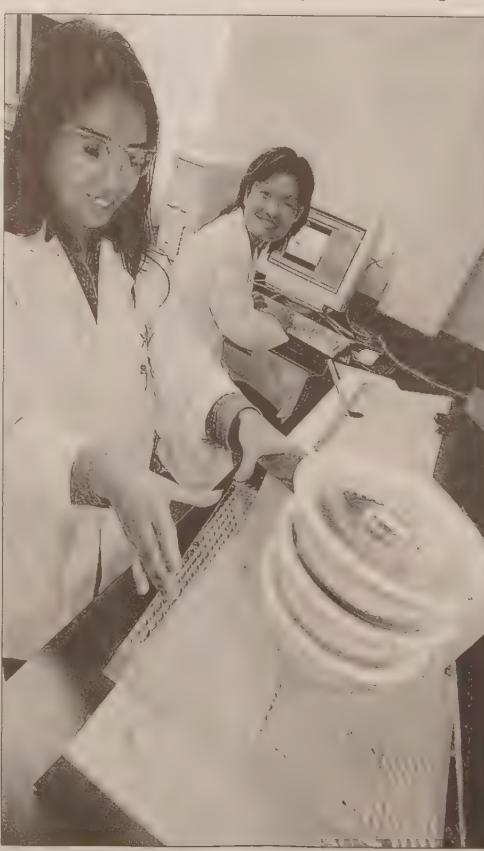
"The ability to target these antigens, and give repetitive doses without the side effects we see with chemotherapy, has been terrific," said Susan Hellmann, senior vice president and chief medical officer for Genentech.

Other Bay Area firms in biotech have included Genentech's human insulin, which earned FDA approval to be sold by Eli Lilly & Co. in 1982; it was the first product of recombinant DNA to hit the market.

Chiron Corp. of Emeryville reported in 1981 the ability to produce the hepatitis B surface antigen; five



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Demand for biotech workers is growing

■ Market is expected to explode in the coming century, and positions aren't limited to scientists and those who hold degrees

By Peggy Noonan
CONTRA COSTA TIMES CORRESPONDENT

THE BIOTECH industry is looking for a few good men and women.

The industry is expected to explode in size and importance in the 21st century, says Carl Feldbaum, president of the Biotechnology Industry Organization, which represents more than 835 biotech companies worldwide. "Over the past four years, there has been a record number of approvals of new biotechnology drugs and vaccines to address unmet medical needs," he said.

That tremendous surge in growth means there's an equally huge demand for biotechnology workers. Nationwide, biological and medical scientists "enjoyed very rapid gains in employment between the mid-1980s and mid-1990s," according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' 1998-99 Occupational Outlook Handbook, and the much faster than average growth rate is expected to continue.

The boom isn't limited to scientists and degree-holders. Besides the R&D personnel, the industry has a healthy demand for people in sales, marketing, manufacturing and administrative positions.

Genentech Inc. — the granddaddy of biotech companies, dating to 1976 — intends to hire, promote or replace nearly 1,000 people this year. "The positions range from entry level, where the salary ballpark is roughly \$28,000 to \$35,000, to very senior scientists, where the \$90,000-to-\$150,000 range is possible," says Judy Heyboer, senior vice president of human resources for the South San Francisco company.

So what are the hot biotech jobs, and what background do you need to get them? We canvassed some of the leading area companies and talked to recruiters to get the rundown.

Clinical researchers

They work on, design or manage clinical trials of new products such as drugs and medical devices. Test subjects may be animals or humans. Besides clinical scientists, a clinical research team may include technical writers, statisticians, data entry clerks, research associates, animal handlers and animal technicians.

Requirements: Vary widely.

Data entry clerks should have a high school diploma or an associate's degree with training in word processing, data entry or some job experience. Animal handlers and technicians have a high school diploma plus two years of laboratory experience.

The job of clinical research associate requires a bachelor's or master's degree in biological sciences or a nursing degree, plus up to two years of experience in medical or pharmaceutical research or nursing. Statisticians need a bachelor's or master's degree in mathematics or statistics, plus clinical research experience.

Tech writers should have a bachelor's degree or equivalent, along with a background in tech writing and editing. Scientist positions typically require advanced degrees in the sciences and up to five years of lab experience.

Insider tip: Job requirements differ from company to company, so scrutinize the position descriptions on the firms' Web sites before applying.

R&D scientists

These scientists design and implement scientific research and development projects. They also may supervise other researchers and provide scientific guidance to the company staff.

Requirements: Master's or doctorate in biological science or chemistry, with two to five years of experience in research or a related discipline.

Insider tip: You'll have an edge if you can offer strong science skills along with computer experience, according to Galina Leytes, executive vice president of LJL BioSystems Inc. in Sunnyvale.

Biotechnicians

They support laboratory work and perform tasks such as operating

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and cleaning cell-separating equipment and ultrafiltration devices, and running fermentation processes such as yeast factories that grow drugs.

Requirements: Two years of college-level physical science or biological science to get an entry-level position in this field.

Insider tip: This is a good way to break into the industry if you don't have a four-year degree. With experience and additional education, a biotechnician can grow into higher posts, such as assistant scientist, says Debbie Wilkins, human resources manager for Bayer Corp. in Berkeley.

bioinformatics

They are part of a new field that merges computers and science. Bioinformatics work with science information in computer programs.

Requirements: A science or computer science degree and relevant experience.

Insider tip: The hiring edge goes to job seekers who combine a science degree with computer experience or the reverse, a computer degree with a science background, says Kristina Hathaway, human resources director for Incyte Pharmaceuticals of Palo Alto and Fremont.

Biostatisticians

They supervise research groups working with clinical trial information, and work with computer software to develop, implement and manage data-base systems to support lab work.

Requirements: Master's or doc-

tate in genetics with medical technologist experience or experience in a genetics testing lab.

Insider tip: This is not an entry-level job, says Janice Linver, human resources manager for the Roche Molecular Systems facilities in Pleasanton and Alameda. You'll need at least three years' experience.

Business development and sales

These professionals seek out new business opportunities and build relationships with potential customers.

Requirements: Business experience and an advanced degree in science.

Insider tip: Even though you're not engaged in science tasks, you'll need a science degree to be able to speak the language of the company's scientist customers, notes Incyte's Hathaway.

Sequencing associates

They perform the sequencing and data analysis of biological samples that will be entered into company databases.

Requirements: Some laboratory experience, or an AA degree in one of the sciences such as chemistry or biology or a related field.

Insider tip: This is a good starting point for recent college grads who are familiar with lab procedures, says Incyte's Hathaway.

Software engineers

These developers and engineers perform the same tasks they would in non-biotech applications — they create programs that automate or manage company systems. Biotech software developers and engineers analyze company needs and build

databases for biotech applications.

Requirements: Bachelor's degree; computer and science skills.

Insider tip: Science experience coupled with proficiency in programming skills such as C++, Perl, Java, etc., will open this door. If you can bring a degree in both fields (computer and science) to the table, your star will shine much brighter. Degree programs don't really exist yet for this position, notes Roche's Linver.

Senior chip quality controllers

They acquire know-how of the company's latest designs, provide FPGA synthesis for new product development, solve problems with chip manufacturers, maintain UNIX environment, run designs of chips in simulation for enhancement and look for migrations of designs to smaller geometry processes.

Requirements: Knowledge of tools and instrumentation in chip manufacturing, understanding of electronic designs, knowledge of and experience working with circuit and chip simulation tools, analog and digital EE background and UNIX system experience.

Insider tip: Industry experience can be the difference between getting and not getting the job. FPGA skills help raise your value, says Tom Johnson, director of human resources at ReSound Corp. in Redwood City.

Electroacoustic managers

They oversee design teams at biotech companies that specialize in acoustical research and products. They develop small, high-quality acoustic systems, optimize microphone and receiver simulations, prototype hardware, characterize analog and digital sound systems, and conduct acousti-

cal research investigations.

Requirements: Degree in electrical engineering or acoustical sciences with three to five years' relevant work experience, background in acoustical design and measurements, and capabilities in miniature transducer design.

Insider tip: A background in headset or hearing aid systems will help you nail this job. Experience with acoustical measurements and IEEE-488 bus programming will be an extra plus.

DSP system designers

They analyze algorithms, implement in fixed-point assembly language on digital devices, document code to enable other programmers to understand the algorithm, implement signal processing algorithms on digital devices.

Requirements: Degree(s) in electrical or computer engineering, plus a solid foundation in digital signal processing theory, DSP assembly language programming skills, familiarity with signal processing techniques and algorithms.

Insider tip: Previous acoustics experience helps if you want to work for a company that develops hearing devices. DSP experience is a must if you're shooting for working with physical layer transceivers and switches for Ethernet applications.

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The latest wave of biotech companies offer services to researchers, from gene "libraries" and software systems to chips that help screen thousands of compounds quickly for potential medicinal use.

Many are racing the government's Human Genome Project to sequence the entire genetic code. That information could lead to better genetic screening tests and disease treatments.

"The first 20 years, we pursued molecules we kind of knew were there. Now, through the Human Genome Project and other genomic searches, we're finding enzymes we did not even know existed," said Dr. Pat Scanlon, who co-founded Xoma Corp. in 1981. "That opens the possibility that we'll find uses to things in the future that no one knew about even a few years ago."

Dr. William Hurlbut, a medical doctor and bioethics professor at Stanford University, said he welcomes advances in medicine.

"Biotech has already transformed human life in the 20th century," he said. "As a physician, I look forward to the time ahead when we'll be able

to treat many diseases that are currently causing great human suffering."

But, he said, difficult issues arise. "I'm concerned about the potential in cloning." Hurlbut's issue is that is the most trojan idea of actually producing things in order to harvest them.

He is also concerned about the ramifications of gene screening could become a reality for a whole host of things.

"It's not unlikely that from now, a child will be born with some kind of a problem that will have a vast amount of attention on his or her genetic condition," Hurlbut said. "Just think about all your life and about what you'll die of in the deep uncertainty of life-blessing. It doesn't sound good."

Xoma's Scanlon said concerns are valid and must be explored. But overall, he

"In most cases, we're making natural products we make any other way." Scanlon said. "An enormous amount of come of this. I can't say what hands of the wrong people could happen. But on the think the future of biotech is extremely positive."

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Associate Research Scientist

In this pivotal role, you will perform DNA sequencing reactions, assist with robotic preparation of DNA templates, prepare DNA sequencing gels, and analyze data for ongoing high throughput sequencing projects. Requires BS/MS, preferably with two years experience. Experience with ABI 377 or other automated DNA sequencers is desired. CS-SJM040

Associate Research Scientist

Responsibilities include daily setup of sequencing reactions, maintenance of Tecan and other robots as well as development and implementation of automated protocols for a variety of projects. You will also participate in designing an expanded automation lab. Requires BS/MS, preferably with 2-4 years experience. Experience with a variety of automation platforms is desired. CS-SJM041

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Requires Ph.D. and at least four years postdoc experience in biochemistry or molecular/cellular biology. Extensive experience in the development of research assays measuring protein drug interactions and adaptations of assays to high throughput screening of chemical libraries is required. JW-SJM016

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Requires a recent Ph.D. or equivalent in biochemistry, molecular biology or cellular biology. You will join a research team to determine activities of broad classes of potential protein drug targets. Experience in the electrophysiology, molecular, and cellular biology of receptors, ion channels, enzymes, and transporters preferred. JW-SJM018

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Associate Research Scientist

In this position you will assume leadership for an established and growing team involved in genomic sequencing, sequence analysis, mutation detection, and technology development in addition to participating in the design of new software and automation to support this process. Gene discovery projects will be the primary focus of this work. This position requires excellent molecular biology expertise, managerial experience, and familiarity with sequence assembly tools. Strong communication, organizational and team skills are essential. Requires Ph.D. or BS/MS with 5+ yrs experience. KS-SJM041

Assistant Research Scientist

Responsible for construction and maintenance of cloned libraries for use in our large-scale gene-identification projects. Must be detail-oriented, have solid molecular biology and organizational skills. Requires BS/MS with a minimum of 1 year of laboratory experience. Experience in a high-throughput genomics environment is desirable. JK-SJM042

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Laboratory Associate

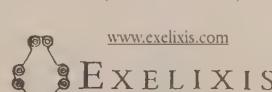
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- Biotechnology/pharmaceutical experience
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Associate III

Work with our HIV 3.0 IVD Assay Development Team to define the standardization process. Requires a BS and 5-7 years relevant experience, or an MS and 2-4 years relevant experience; knowledge of biochemistry, molecular biology, immunology or related discipline; strong hands-on experimental technique, analytical abilities and attention to detail; and excellent communication skills. Experience with basic statistically based experimental design and development of medical diagnostic products (preferably nucleic acid based) is preferred, as is knowledge of chemistry or biochemistry. A self-starter able to perform in a time-sensitive, dynamic environment is ideal.

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2000 Maxima, Xterra driving Nissan success

By Arnold Wechter
NORTH AMERICAN AUTO WRITERS SYNDICATE

CARMEL VALLEY — Nissan is beset with problems, financial and otherwise, but product is no longer a worry.

The Japanese auto maker introduced three trucks built off its Frontier compact pickup platform and the long-awaited 2000 model year Maxima.

The Maxima, in a consensus of automotive journalists, is a big winner. It will be stiff competition for the Toyota Camry and Honda Accord, its major competitors.

The Xterra, a small sport-utility vehicle, is expected to be a leader in a field that includes the Toyota Rav4, Subaru Forester and Honda's CR-V.

It offers true off-road ability something the others lack.

Another big winner should be the Crew Cab, the first five-passenger, four-door compact truck in the North American market. The other truck model, the 2-wheel drive Frontier Desert Runner, is aimed at young male buyers who want a compact truck that has the appearance of a 4-wheel model but haven't the money to take the big jump.

That isn't all. Nissan also introduced a much-improved version of its compact sport-utility vehicle, the Pathfinder. It has been revised inside and out.

Available in three models, GXE, SE and GLE, the fifth generation Maxima



NISSAN'S 2000 Xterra 4x4



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represents a major advancement in Nissan's flagship sedan.

Nissan's engineers have refined the 3.0-liter DOHC V-6 (named one of the "10 Best Engines" five years running by Ward's Auto World), so it now produces 222 horsepower, far ahead of the competition.

Offered in three well-equipped models, the Maxima is aggressively styled with a handsome rear end and featuring new flush-mounted multi-parabola halogen headlights.

The GXE is the base model, while the SE is the sporty version and GLE is the luxury version.

The Maxima, according to Nissan execs, offers a balance of performance and luxury. For 2000, both sides of the equation have been enhanced.

The engine, called by Ward's "simply the best V-6 engine available in Amer-

ica," has been refined through the use of new intake and exhaust manifolds.

Not only has the horsepower been increased by 32, but the torque is up from 205 ft/lbs to 217 ft/lbs.

This ride is available with a choice of 5-speed manual (standard on GXE and

SE) or 4-speed electronically controlled automatic (standard on GLE) transmissions. Both have been strengthened to support the increased engine performance. Handling and stability have been improved by refining Maxima's rear Multi-Link Beam Suspension.

Standard on all models are 4-wheel disc brakes with 4-channel/4-sensor ABS along with engine-speed-sensitive power rack-and-pinion steering. A traction control system is optional.

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Watch out for that sunshine, driver

Drive, she said

By Denise McLuggage

It's worse in the winter. During the months when the sun rises late and sets early, more cars are on the move at the times when the horizon is aglow with the overwhelming orange brilliance of the sun.

Drivers heading east in the morning and west in the evening are at the mercy of piercing rays coming through the windshield directly into their eyes. Since the sun's attack at those hours is directly horizontal to the path of travel, the dazzling strikes below any sun visor reach. It's brutal. And dangerous.

Recently near Albuquerque, a semi overran a van and a car that the truck driver said were invisible in the sun's glare. Two teenagers died.

What can you do to lessen the effect of the blazing sun when it lies on the earth's horizon? The glib answer is to avoid driving at such times. Or take only roads running north and south.

But don't dismiss such thoughts too readily. If you can delay driving at the time when the sun is at its worst, do so. Fill up your tank. Have a latte and read the paper. And rethink your usual routes. Scout alternatives that might lessen your exposure to the sun at those critical hours.

There is air conditioning front and rear, plus a rear seat audio system. Even the rear seats are heated. Things like this are what makes the SUV different from the others, but whether it's worth the \$46,525 is all in the eye of the beholder.

I seldom look under the hood, but that's where the eye of this beholder gazed in wonderment. This vehicle is powered by a 5.7-liter V8 engine that produces 225 horsepower.

Better yet, it produces 330 ft. lb. of torque at 2,800 rpm. That's the range where it is instantly effective.

The downside of this powerful engine is fuel economy. EPA rating is 12 city and 16 highway, but the 30 gallon fuel tank gives it about 480 miles cruising range.

You can access storage in two ways: With the rear window raised, packages can be dropped inside, or by lowering the tailgate, there is easier access to enormous cargo space.

What I didn't like is the soft, cushioned ride. On a couple roads, I thought it was too bouncy. Fortunately, rippled roads were few and far between.

For the most part, the soft ride is not only enjoyable, but it also ties with the ambience of the interior touched off with Zebra wood trim.

Adding to the elegance is a Bose sound system, complete with a six-pack CD cartridge in the center console. Individual CDs and cassettes can be inserted in the system itself which is mounted on the dash.

Although the Escalade is late in arriving on the sport utility scene, it is a winner and will be most welcomed in Cadillac showrooms.

Roads that run along in the lee of hills might provide a haven. Evergreens make good shade, but deciduous trees are not much help in the winter. The substitute routes may be longer, but weigh that against the increased danger of driving into or out of a low riding sun.

Anyway, it's just a temporary shift in routine. The sun will soon be higher in the sky when you are going to and from work. As for coping with the sun's onslaught, there is precious little a driver can do.

Even the usually resourceful AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety could offer no better solution than a really good pair of sunglasses.

Indeed, sunglasses are a help. Make sure that they are dark enough to really knock down the rays' intensity and that they have polarized lenses. Only polarized lenses can kill the secondary glare bouncing off the hood.

Besides finding a different path and using sunglasses, here are some safety suggestions in the presence of a fireball on the horizon.

Clean your windshield

Wash both the inside and the outside. The inside can be fogged by residue from smoke, or the outgassing of interior plastics. Ammonia or vinegar helps cut these deposits.

Turn on your headlights

Even if you have DRL (daytime running lights), turning on your low beams helps enhance your visibility in the glare of a low-lying sun. Most DRL systems do not turn on your tail lights.

Keep a baseball cap handy

A cap won't be much help if you wear it with the bill at the back. Worn conventionally, a cap — particularly one with a longer than usual bill — can be helpful in keeping the sun out of your eyes. With a little artful dodging of the head, you can keep visual contact with important segments of your world as you drive into the sun. Because you can move your head as necessary, bill caps work better than the rigid sun visor on the car. You might also seek out tennis hats with bills of dark green see-through plastic.

Try sun blockers

Check auto-supply shops for glare fighters that attach to the sliding panel of dark glass that in effect extends the visor extensions between the visor and your mirror to send darts into the sun whenever you check your rearview mirror (a beast). I once ordered the mail a number of 4x8-green plastic sheets and they worked fine.

These adhered naturally glass (and peeled off at the location) and dulled the sun so that total blindness was avoided. You simply put the plastic over the hot spots and move them.

Adjust your speed

The old standby holds true: sun glare with rain and a fashion compatible with conditions. And crank up the With the listed aids you're better, but that wicked low-tough customer.

Learn how to 'read tires' for safety

Prepare to stop

By Don Chaikin

Whether you drive an economy or luxury car, a pickup or sport utility, and regardless of its age, there's something your vehicle has in common with every other one on the road. It rides on inflatable rubber tires.

Despite the fact that tires are so universal, and so seemingly simple compared with exotic underhood electronic controls, they are critical to your vehicle's performance and safety.

Each time you're ready to drive for the first time of the day, walk around the vehicle and look at each of the tires. You'll quickly learn to spot a tire that's underinflated.

Before you can judge what an underinflated tire looks like, you've got to learn how a properly inflated one appears. That requires a quality tire-inflation gauge. A good gauge will set you back \$5 to \$20.

Make sure the gauge is calibrated to read the high pressure common for temporary spare tires, usually 60 psi. Then use the gauge at least once a month to check the inflation pressures of all of your vehicle's tires, including its spare.

Get a cold tire reading.

Check the pressures before driving the car or truck for that day so the tires are "cold." The laws of

physics demand that as the temperature of a compressed gas-like the air inside a tire goes up, so does its pressure.

And since driving on tires heats them, all tire pressures are given as "cold," or whatever their temperature is while sitting around. Naturally, normal pressures will go down when the weather is cold, and up when it is hot. So it's critical that you check tire pressure after any temperature swing. Then compare your pressure readings to those specified by the auto maker.

The owner's manual will tell you where to find the decal inside the vehicle that lists the recommended inflation pressures for your vehicle. There may be more than one recommendation to cover "normal" driving, versus heavy load or sustained high-speed driving.

Check inflation pressure.

You have to first remove the protective cap from the tire valve. Some cars may have valve extender caps to give access to the valve through a thick wheel cover — these are rec-

ognizable by their length and their white center — which need not be removed. Hold the gauge head firmly and squarely on the top of the valve. You shouldn't hear any air hissing out as you check.

If the tire is overinflated, bleed some pressure by pressing down on the pin in the middle of the tire valve; recheck the pressure. If it's underinflated, you'll have to add air. If you don't have an air compressor, drive to a close-by service station.

Driving far to get the air will heat the tires. You'll have to recheck their pressure at the station to see how much inflation they gained from the drive and add enough air for them to be properly inflated after they've cooled down again.

The inflation pressure recommended by the car maker is one that's a compromise for good handling, comfortable ride and good fuel economy. Some people like to carry a bit more pressure for better fuel economy at the price of ride comfort.

Don't carry less pressure than the manufacturer recommends or you may damage the tires. And never carry more inflation pressure than the tire maker says is safe for the tire. The tire maker's recommendations for maximum inflation pres-

sures are embossed on the tire. Both over- and underinflation cause premature tire wear.

Look for damage and

Inspect the tread — that actually contacts the inner and outer sides for bulges and cracks in the walls. If you find any, replaced.

Check the tread for damage as missing pieces between treads, nails, glass and other causes of flats. Also check how much tread is left on the measuring the depth of the

As the tire wears and becomes more shallow, the more problems gaining the

You can get an accurate of the tire's remaining wear by simply inserting a pen into the head first, into the around the tire. If you can't top of Abe's head over the time to replace the tire.

Even if there's plenty of left in the tread, but it's uneven, there may be a problem with your vehicle. technician check the suspension wheel alignment.

State makes new automobile laws plain and simple

Tough penalties for list of offenses target everything from fleeing an officer to open containers

jail sentence of at least six months for simple offenders and more than a year for reckless offenders.

Assembly bill 2066: Fleeing a police officer

Assembly Bill 2066, authored by Assemblyman Michael Sweeney, D-Hayward, increases the penalty for fleeing a police officer, instituting a

AB 1382: Deadly pursuits

AB 1382, authored by Assemblyman Keith Olberg, R-Victorville, increases the prison term to three, four

or five years for those who engage in pursuits that cause serious injury or death.

Senate bill 1890: Open containers

Senate Bill 1890, authored by State Sen. Jack O'Connell, D-Santa Barbara, prohibits open alcohol con-

ainers in all off-road vehicles on specified public lands as campgrounds.

Assembly bill 2797: Law fee reduced

AB 2797, authored by Dennis Cardoza, D-Turlock, provides for a 25-percent reduction in the vehicle license fee and future reductions of the state General Fund.

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Instrument panel removal painless

Ask the auto doc

By Junior Damato

Dear Doctor: Last September, we bought a 1999 Plymouth Grand Voyager that the dealer had a CD player for the radio. To save a little money and the dealer to switch the radio, I had a CD player for the radio. One day I heard a noise coming from the dash like a wrist watch. I turned to the dealer so the passenger could hear the sound. I removed the radio and checked it, but could not find any problem. They said if I wanted to pursue this, then I would have to take the dash apart and install microphones to try and find the sound is coming from. We are concerned about having the dash taken apart. What would you do? Cathy

Cathy: There should not be a noise coming from the dash. It sounds to me like I would not worry about the dash. I install the dash apart, and have to take off switches, and have to take the dash apart to gain access to the wires on the passenger side. This is not a major project and the microphones they talk about are chassis easy with multi-leads. Good shops will have.

control has 'window'

Dear Doctor: I have a 1997 Buick Regal. My question involves the control operation. While using the control, if I accelerate a mile per hour then reset the control button, it will not stop my new speed. I found that when the speed is 5 mph, the car in property. When I start the engine it will rev up to 2000 to 2500 rpm. Sometimes it will go down to 1200 rpm. It will also stall, while other times it works perfectly. I have been to the dealer and so called specialists many times and they replaced the computer, TCC solenoid, EGR valve, and sensors, and given me a major tune up, and I still have the same problem. Can you help? Dom

Dear Dom: Our Mitchell On-Demand system lists 10 bulletins and updates on idle problems on your car. I would start by disconnecting the EGR valve for testing purposes only. If the car now idles fine, take it to your dealer or local repair shop. There is also a relearn idle procedure that needs to be followed.

Engine just shuts off

Dear Doctor: I own a 1996 GMC Sierra with the 6.5-liter turbo engine. While traveling on the highway and pulling a 7,000 pound

trailer, the engine shuts off without warning. I tried to restart the engine immediately, but the starter motor wouldn't turn the engine over. After a 15 minute wait, the engine restarted, but in about 5 more miles, it shut off and I had to wait again to the closest dealer. They checked the computer for trouble codes and none was found. They found a dirty positive battery connection, cleaned and tightened it. I have lost confidence in this truck. What do you think? Carl

Dear Carl: A common problem with flashing headlights is a faulty headlight switch. The other common problem is the headlight dimmer switch.

Warm idle woes

Dear Doctor: I own a 1988 Chrysler LeBaron with a rough idle problem. The idle will also go up and down. This occurs only after the engine is warm. When the engine is cold or in neutral it runs smoothly. I have had a major tune up with no help. George

Dear George: The idle speed is controlled by the computer. For the idle speed to hunt up and down, the computer is trying to compensate for another problem. An EGR valve that isn't seated fully will cause this problem. A small vacuum leak is also possible. A complete engine test should show up the problem, also the use of propane around all possible vacuum leak areas can lead you to the source of the problem.

Help me disable airbag

Dear Doctor: I am a rural mail carrier and use my 1998 Blazer from the passenger seat, without the seat belt, and the seat pulled all the way forward. I would like to have an on/off switch installed for the passenger side airbag. I have made many attempts to receive authorization from NHTSA and have been denied. I have also written many letters as well. Their reply is that I do not fall into their three categories for risk. Is there any other agency to which I could appeal? How could I disconnect the airbag myself? Laura

Dear Laura: In most cases NHTSA is fair with authorization forms on installing on/off air bag switches. However, for whatever reason, they feel your request doesn't fall into their criteria. The next step is a letter from your doctor, or maybe you may transport a small child on a regular basis that requires a child safety seat that needs to be up front. There are many ways around the authorization system. Do not try to disconnect the air bag system yourself. Also, AirBag Options in Texas could be of assistance, but I do not know their address.

Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02347.

our road work may pay off at tax time

By Jan Zobel, EA

Recordkeeping is the key to tax savings on your car. For maximum tax savings, add to how many total miles driven during the year, not how many of those miles were business.

On January 1, write down your odometer reading and you'll have the total mileage for the year. Getting the number of miles driven for business is not as easy. You have a deductible office-in-a-home if you don't have a home office, commuting miles, commuting a business post office or your home or buying from a supplier. From home to that will be commuting, but from on, your business mileage deductible.

You'll keep a log or note your car in which you write down the beginning and end meter reading for each business or note how many business miles you drive each day. In either case, note what business locations you visited.

It's easy once you get into the habit, many people don't want to be bothered keeping a car log. If you're one of those people, see if one of the following methods works better for you.

■ Note in your appointment book how many business miles you drive each day.

■ If you go on the same route or to the same location regularly, measure the distance once and count the number of times you make the trip during the year.

■ If you use your vehicle primarily for business, instead of keeping track of the business miles, keep track of the number of personal miles you drive.

■ If your business driving is similar throughout the year, keep detailed records for one month of each quarter or for one week of each month and project your annual business mileage from those figures.

Once you know the total number of miles the car was driven for the year and how many of those were for business, there are two possible ways of deducting your car expenses.

The first is called the actual expense method. To use this method, add together your expenses for gas, oil, repairs, insurance, auto club membership, car license, and loan interest or lease payments. Then multiply the total expenses by the percentage you use the car for business.

Add depreciation on the car to this figure (unless you lease the car), along with your business parking and tolls. The end result is your total business car expense.

The second method of deducting car expenses, the mileage rate method, is calculated by multiplying the number of business miles you drove during the year by 32.5¢ a mile (31¢ a mile beginning April 1).

The only expenses that can be added to the 32.5¢ a mile is the business percentage of car loan interest and car registration, and business parking and tolls. All other expense are considered to be covered by the 32.5¢-a-mile deduction.

The recordkeeping for car use may seem tedious but, since this is often a sizable expense for your business, the resulting tax deduction will make your efforts worthwhile.

Jan Zobel, EA is a Montclair tax professional (enrolled agent) who, for 20 years, has specialized in working with self-employed people. This article is excerpted from her book *Minding Her Own Business: The Self-Employed Woman's Guide to Taxes and Recordkeeping* (East-Hill Press) which is available for \$16.95 at bookstores or from the publisher.

SPARE PARTS

FUEL CELL CAR

New Lincoln Blackwood concept vehicle is an extension of the Lincoln Navigator, with a different difference: an enclosed fuel cell box that serves as a second exterior trunk area is covered more than 20 square feet of dark, dense, striated wood from Africa. The Blackwood is powered by a 5.4-liter V8 and fits a Class III trailer tow group.

DELAYING TEEN DRIVING

Graduated licensing laws are rapidly being enacted in the U.S. and Canada. Six provinces and 24 states have some form of graduated teen licensing laws. For a copy of studies done on delayed teen driving write: Publications, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 1005 N. Glebe Rd., Arlington, VA 22201.

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1999 Chevy Tracker at home on the range or commute

If sport utility vehicles were horses, working cowboys would ride a 1999 Chevrolet Tracker — the quarter horse of sport utes.

Quarters don't boast the classic elegance of Arabians, nor the refined speed of Thoroughbreds. But for the hard, dirty round-up jobs, a quarter horse is tough to beat.

The same goes for the new Tracker.

This small SUV is definitely at its best on the range. I tested the four-door 4WD Tracker over Virginian ranch country. It dodged cows with the agility of a colt, eased up muddy hills, raced across pastures, and splashed through small streams. Chevrolet engineers told me the Tracker's new snorkel intake allows it to ford streams with water as high as the hood. That's almost amphibious.

Tracker performed all of its 4x4 chores with ease.

Built in Ingersoll, Canada through a joint Chevrolet-Suzuki venture, Tracker and its twin, Suzuki Vitara, compete against some very popular models — the Toyota RAV4, the Honda CR-V and the Subaru Forester. A complete makeover has discarded Tracker's old sardine-can styling.

Smooth curves, flared fenders, rounded flanks and a subtly styled grille have brought it up to par with these contemporaries.

However, Tracker offers distinct advantages over them in structure, off-road prowess, and price.

It bucks the trend among competitors for lightweight car-based uni-body designs. Tracker is a true truck,

Get off the road

By Christopher Keane

constructed with a rigid body-on-ladder-box steel frame — and should provide tested, durable, heavy-duty performance.

The chassis sports a five-link rear suspension with coil springs and gas shocks, and a MacPherson independent strut front suspension. Although this translated into a typical truck-like ride on the pavement, it provided excellent stiffness for off-road control.

New standard power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering kept the handling smooth and tight. An excellent 97.6-inch wheelbase and wider track kept the Tracker's stance balanced. Even with the rugged design, engine and road noise were surprisingly soft. Noise has been significantly dampened on this new design.

Another advantage for Tracker is its true two-speed four-wheel drive system. Unlike the all-wheel drive competition, Tracker's low gear provides tractor-like power for extreme rock crawling and towing up to 1,500 pounds.

New shift-on-the-fly 4WD allowed shifting between 2WD and 4WD at any time below 62 mph. With 15-inch wheels, oversize all-season tires and an excellent 8-inches of ground clearance, Tracker is well-prepared for off-road excursions.



THE '99 TRACKER.

Porsche happy to find supply of 911s, Boxters in great demand

Resisting the pressures of smallness is second nature to Porsche, maker of some of the most lustied-after cars in the marketplace. While other niche players are being swallowed up by bigger car makers, tiny Porsche not only survives, but prospers. The 911 and Boxster are among the car industry's most enthusiastic models.

In fact, Porsche has difficulty producing enough Boxsters to fill demand. Even with additional production from a factory in Finland,

Down the road

By Herb Shuldin

Boxsters virtually roll off delivery trucks into the hands of customers, some of whom have been waiting months for the opportunity to drive one away. Despite this popularity, Porsche is virtually a boutique car maker. It has a total capacity of only 40,000 cars annually.

So how does tiny Porsche sur-

vive? Even Volvo, with a production capacity ten times greater than Porsche's, was recently sold to Ford because its owners felt the Swedish company was too small to compete with bigger car companies. There's no simple answer to this question. Porsche's engineering innovation and excellence may offer clues to how a small niche car manufacturer can prosper. In addition, Porsche's racing tradition that includes 16 wins at LeMans 24-hour punishing races also inspires a craving for the Ger-

man-engineered sports car.

The 911 Carrera 4 is Porsche's newest model and it bristles with the engineering innovations sports car fans expect from the German car maker. Its engine generates abundant power and the car hurtles around corners as though its tires stay glued to the road. Designed to compete with the Jaguar XK8, BMW 850i, Mercedes SL 500 and 600 models, Dodge Viper, Acura NSX and Ferrari sports cars, Porsche 911 Carrera 4 is well equipped to more than

hold its own in this august company.

Porsche engineers have added a new traction control system and a viscous coupling that give the Carrera 4 outstanding all-wheel drive traction and an astonishing ability to take the tightest corners with virtually no body roll.

The viscous clutch from ZF provides all-wheel drive to give the Carrera 4 optimum traction during acceleration, can deliver a maximum of 40 percent power to the front wheels. That allows the car to

retain its bias as a rear-driver and maintain its superior abilities.

Under normal driving the Carrera 4 is a rear-driver. But if wheel sensors detect front wheels begin to spin in the viscous clutch and puts increasing against a series of discs. This transfers power to the wheels — up to 40 percent.

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Satellite dishes available for moving vehicles, of all things

Television in a moving vehicle has long been a dream — or a nightmare — and it's finally here.

Using technology originally created for supplying television to boats, KVH Industries of Middletown, R.I., is now offering TracVision LM, a device that delivers direct broadcast satellite (DBS) programming to vehicles on the road in North America.

Martin Kits van Heyningen, president and CEO of KVH, says "TracVision LM is an effective, reliable and affordable system that maintains satellite contact in mobile environments by sensing vehicle motion and automatically adjusting the antenna position."

Prior to the development of TracVision LM, van Heyningen says, the most affordable and commonly used options for Recreational Vehicles and other road-going vehicles

Aftermarket reviews

By Alex Law

were self-acquiring or crank-up units that could receive satellite television only while the vehicles were at rest.

"KVH was able to meet the challenge of delivering cost-effective, stable, in-motion satellite reception for land vehicles by building upon our experience in designing stabilized television and telephone systems for the marine industry, where we are a world leader for such products," says van Heyningen.

The first market for this new toy involves the quarter-million or so RVs already equipped with satellite TV systems that don't work in motion, KVH believes. But there's also a potentially huge market for people who

won't mind putting a moderately-sized hole in the roof of their vehicle so the dish can receive signals from those program satellites.

KVH suggests people with vans, sport utility vehicles, RVs and mobile offices are the likeliest owners, but virtually any vehicle would hold this system if the owner wanted it.

TracVision LM interfaces with VCRs and computers in cars, tying up with these systems through receivers that provide access to satellite TV and music from DirecTV and the DISH Network. Van Heyningen says KVH expects to add broadcast Internet access in the near future for real-time news, stock market data and weather information.

"TracVision LM raises the bar for flexibility and features in the land mobile market, which includes RVs, SUVs, vans, minivans, motor

coaches, buses, trains, and long-haul trucks," said Jim Dodez, KVH's vice president of marketing and sales support.

TracVision LM is the smallest in-motion land system available and retails for \$2,995, which does not include TVs, receivers or installation. The system weighs about 33 pounds with all components inside a flush-mount antenna dome that can be installed in approximately two hours on vehicles pre-wired with power and RF cables. More information about the system and the company can be found at www.kvh.com, or call KVH at 401/847-3327.

CDs vulnerable

When CDs first started to come onto the market in the 80s, one of the most compelling things about them was their indestructibility, at

least their indestructibility compared to that of records. Well, it turned out that reports of their inability to die were greatly exaggerated, as anyone who has a skipping CD will surely testify. They're still not as fragile as records or cassettes, but CDs do require a certain amount of care if they're to deliver their best sound or even survive.

You can, it must be said, prevent damage to your CDs if you take the time to handle them with proper care, but that's often difficult when you're using them in a car. To help with this problem, a Calgary, Alberta-based company called Digital Armor is offering a protective container that protects a CD from most types of damage, but will still let it be played in most types of CD players without a reduction in sound quality.

CD Armor attaches to both sides

of the disc with an interlocking design. Any damage that would normally be done to the disc itself is stopped by the CD Armor, so if a fresh CD is dropped or hit, it can remain intact. The package you should consider consists of the individual device and six CD shields for \$3.95.

As mentioned, CD Armor is compatible with most car CD players, you can check it out at www.digarmor.com. You can also order it or call 800/593-9449 and ask for Digital Armor. At 877/CD-ARMOR or 403/265-7225. And if you're wondering, the disc fit in most CD holders with the protective CD Armor coating still intact.

Nissan

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The new model offers a 2.0-inch longer wheelbase and 2.4 additional cubic feet of passenger space. A stylish "wave" design with a sweeping console makes the interior much more stylish.

Capable of towing 5,000 pounds, the all-new 2000 Nissan Xterra should cut a wide swath through the subcompact sport-utility niche.

It offers a choice of a 270-horsepower 3.3-liter SOHC V-6 producing 200 ft/lbs of torque at a low 2800 rpm or a 143-horsepower 2.4-liter 4-cylinder engine producing 154 ft/lbs of torque.

Both versions are available with either a 5-speed manual or 4-speed automatic and the choice of part-time 4-wheel drive with 2-speed transfer case of rear-wheel drive.

Based on the Nissan Frontier 4x4 pickup platform, the Xterra is described by Jerry Hirshberg, president of Nissan Design International, as a "return to the soul of the sport utility vehicle."

The Xterra name was selected to help distinguish it from the slightly larger, more sophisticated current generation Nissan Pathfinder. Its name is intended to reinforce the connection to the earth (terrain) and the adventurous lifestyle of its tar-

get buyers.

Because of its off-road ability when equipped with 4WD, the Xterra has a definite advantage over the leading subcompact competitors.

The press drove the Xterra through some of the trails at the Hollister Hills off-road park and it proved extremely competent. Nissan embargoed any driving impressions of all its new models until April 30, and so we'll not say anymore.

We're convinced the Xterra will provide Nissan with an extremely strong competitor in this market segment.

Nissan's designers and engineers created the Xterra for a new generation of younger, active buyers, so affordability was the key requirement. It will be built at Nissan Motor Manufacturing Corp. U.S.A., the award-winning plant in Smyrna, Tenn.

Xterra's headlights, front bumper, hood, A-pillars and front doors are common to Frontier.

Nissan said pricing is expected to be in line with many mini-SUVs when it is announced closer to Xterra's on-sale date in June.

In 1959, Nissan imported a new model to the U.S., the compact Sun Pickup. It was not just a new vehicle, it represented an entirely new concept and market. Today, compact trucks are among the best-selling vehicles in the U.S. and the world.

The introduction of the Frontier

Crew Cab, the first true 4-door compact pickup introduced to the U.S. market, and the 2-wheel drive Desert Runner continue Nissan's role as an innovator in the compact truck segment.

The Crew Cab, set to go on sale in May as a 2000 model, will be the flagship of the already extensive Nissan Frontier lineup, which includes 2-wheel drives, 4-wheel drives, four- and six-cylinder, regular and King Cab models.

With four full-size doors, the Crew Cab offers a stylish statement currently unseen in the U.S. market. Nissan believes it will combine the practicality of an SUV with the utility of a pickup.

Crew Cabs are built on the heavy-duty 4-wheel Frontier chassis, giving it the same rigidity, ride height and ground clearance as the 4-wheel drive pickup.

It offers more rear passenger seat than any extra-cab compact truck, with room for five passengers, including provisions for the installation of a child safety seat in the rear passenger area, something no other compact truck can offer.

3.3-liter V-6 with 170 horsepower and 200 ft/lbs of torque is standard equipment. The Crew Cab is available with a 5-speed manual or 4-speed automatic and 2-wheel and 4-wheel drive driveline system.

The 4WD system features automatic locking hubs and a shift-on-

the-fly feature at speeds up to 50 mph and an optional limited-slip differential.

Nissan created the Frontier Desert Runner to have the 4x4 look and ride height without the extras associated with a 4x4 system such as higher sticker price and insurance rates.

Inspired by vehicles that are used by off-road racers to pre-run a desert racing course. Instead of taking their 4WD race trucks to check out the course before the race, they use specially modified 2WD trucks with a high ride height, skid plates and large tires and wheels, capable of traversing the rough terrain, albeit at slower speeds.

The 1995-1/2 Nissan Pathfinder, which goes on sale this month (March) features aggressive new front and rear styling, improved engine horsepower, new interior appointments and a new model the SE Limited.

Nissan is making the Pathfinder the luxury SUV in its lineup. It offers the go-anywhere ability of the Xterra but its ride, handling and performance is much improved. It rides more like car than a truck.

The new lineup should provide Nissan to regain its place in the U.S. automotive market and at the same time bring the corporation back to profitability.

Porsche

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power on a slippery road.

It is an automatic system and works without the driver even knowing what is taking place. And because the viscous clutch such a compact unit, it adds only 121 pounds in the weight of the vehicle compared to the rear-drive Carrera.

The Porsche Stability Management system is an electronic traction control with two methods of maintaining vehicle stability. The first is by automatically applying individual wheel brakes to correct oversteer or understeer conditions when cornering.

Understeer is a handling condition in which there is a deviation between the plane of rotation and the direction of travel of a tire. A car that is understeering resists turning and tends to go straight.

Oversteer causes a vehicle to turn more sharply than a driver intends. An oversteering car is usually one that has a rear end that swings wide during a sharp turn. PSM corrects oversteer by applying the brake on the outer front wheel.

To minimize understeer, PSM applies the brake on the inner rear wheel. All of this happens in milliseconds before a driver can realize what is happening.

With all the performance built

"Economic conditions could make Porsche vulnerable to takeover by a bigger company, but Porsche may remain the ultimate niche car company."

into the Carrera 4, you might have to sacrifice something. But it contains all the comforts of your back and give lots of room to the lumbar region. Ventilated audio systems provide other nice features to make the miles pass pleasantly.

Eventually, economic conditions could make Porsche vulnerable to takeover by a bigger company as long as it can make cars like Carrera 4 so appealing and earning handsome profits in the process, Porsche may remain the ultimate niche car company.

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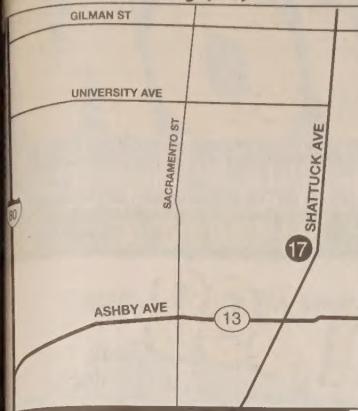
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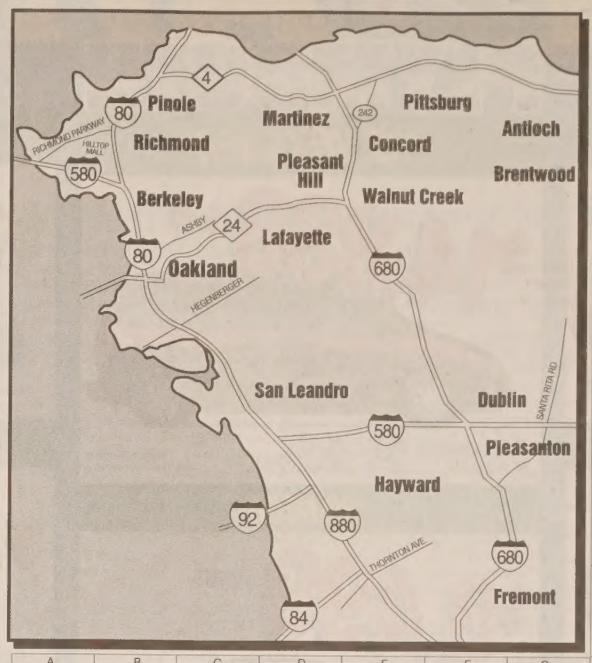
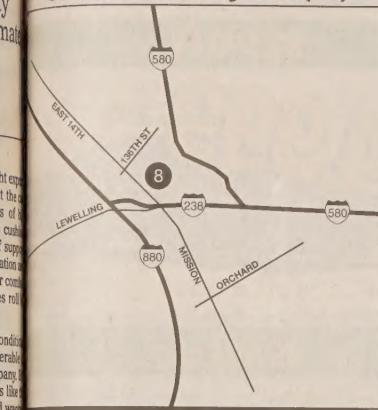
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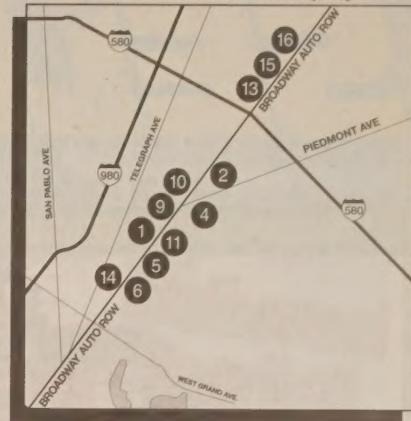
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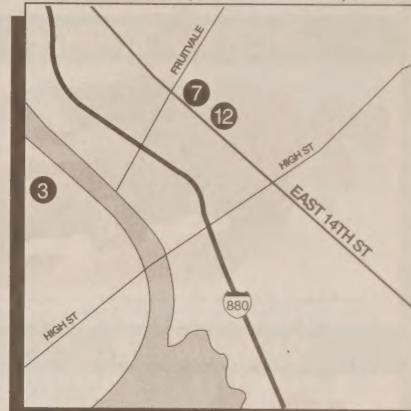
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